



## Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail—A "China Mail" Feature

## Christmas Fantasy From Radio Hongkong

"Shades of Christmas" is described by its creators as a Fantasy of Ghosts, Music and Mortals.

This special radio programme, which can be heard over Radio Hongkong on Wednesday evening at 9.15, depicts the scene of a couple engaged in all sorts of pre-Christmas activities, a Choir at its 'dress rehearsal' singing its programme of carols, and the visitation of interested and friendly Ghosts.

Those taking part include members of the St. John's Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Donald Fraser, and well-known local artists. The programme was devised, written, and produced by Betty Drown and Leslie Murray-Aynsley.

Dorothy Simpson, soprano, and John Small, baritone, in their studio recital on Thursday at 8.15 p.m. will be singing Christmas songs and carols from Poland and Holland as well as from England.

"Wilson of the Antarctic" is a radio portrait of a man who, in the words of Dr George Seaver, his biographer, "was regarded by all his comrades, both those who died and those who survived, as the most knightly spirit that ever entered the Antarctic wastes."

This feature, which can be heard over Radio Hongkong at 10 o'clock on Friday night, was compiled from the biography of Dr Seaver and the journals of Apisley Cherry-Garrard, Ernest Shackleton, and Robert Falcon Scott.

Miss Whittington, MBE, JP, Director of the Overseas Branches Department of the British Red Cross, who is in Hongkong on a short visit, is the guest in "Saturday Roundup" which comes at 8.15 this evening.

Note for listeners: the BBC programme "From... the Editorials" will not in future be relayed on Saturdays and Mondays. This takes effect from today, Saturday, 15th December.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).

## TONIGHT

12.30 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.  
12.32 "PARADES" Played by the London Promenade Orchestra (Vocal).  
12.45 "LIGHT VARIETY" WITH ERIC WINSTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA (VOCAL).  
1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
1.30 POPULAR ORCHESTRAL SELECTIONS. FORCES' PROGRAMMES.  
2.00 STUDIO: "FORCES' CHOICE" Presented by Leonard Burdett.  
2.30 "THE MAN IN BLACK" FAMOUS STORIES OF MYSTERY AND TERROR "The Middle Toe of the Eight Foot" by Ambrose Bierce.  
3.00 STUDIO: "HOSPITAL REQUESTS" Presented by Linda.  
4.00 "SOUTHERN FANTASY" (Continous).  
4.30 ROMANCE MELODIES.  
4.45 SOCCER FOOTBALL. RAF v Army Bookshop.  
5.15 VIENNESE WALTZ ORCHESTRA.  
5.30 "RAY'S A LAUGH" With Ted Ray, Eddy Bluest and Fred Yule.  
6.00 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.  
6.02 STUDIO: "UNIT REQUESTS" Presented by Linda. Calling: Air Traffic Control, Sek Kong.  
7.00 TIME SIGNAL, WORLD NEWS AND NEWS ANALYSIS (LONDON RELAY).  
7.15 LONDON PROMENADE ORCHESTRA. (a) Morning Haze, (b) Dance of the Dow (from "The Mikado"); (c) The East (Graville Bantock); (d) Plangent Pete (Crowdson); (e) Wedding of the Flowers (Cochran); (f) Romantic Holiday Parade (Collins).  
7.30 VALENTY BANDBOX. With Special Guests: Linda Joyce; Harry Locke; Anne Ziegler and Webster. Bookshop. Wall: Billie Terrell. In the Orchestra: Composer: Philip Slesor.  
7.45 WEATHER REPORT.

## BBC Overseas Shortwave Programmes

3.00 STUDIO: "HOSPITAL REQUESTS" Presented by Pauline Spence.

4.00 "NO OTHER TIGER" The Novel by A.E.W. Mason. Episode 3: "Mr. Ricardo is Prekhitened".

4.30 BBC BANDSTAND.

The Band of the Royal Artillery (Woolwich) conducted by Lt.-Col. Owen Gandy, M.B.E.

5.00 STUDIO: "HOME REQUESTS" Presented by Jean.

6.00 PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

6.15 "LIGHT MUSIC" Down the Champs (Rowley) — The London Promenade Orchestra: Faithfully yours (Romberg) — The Melachrino strings: Fairytale (Heyenkens); Tom Jones (Hansel and Gretel); Irish Lullaby (Rowley); Woodland (Rowley); The London Promenade Orchestra: The Sea (La Mer) (Trenet); Mantovani and his Orchestra: The London Promenade Orchestra: Let us dream (Schreber) — George Boulenier and his Orchestra: A Fresco (Victor Herbert); The London Promenade Orchestra: Nicotine (Van Phillips); Van Phillips and his All Star Orchestra (Leon Gossens); Valve Musique (Collins) — London Promenade Orchestra.

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7.50 "WEATHER REPORT".

8.00 "LONDON PROMENADE ORCHESTRA".

The Band of the Royal Artillery (Woolwich) conducted by Lt.-Col. Owen Gandy, M.B.E.

8.30 "CLOSE DOWN: LIGHT MUSIC".

8.45 "STUDIO: MORNING PRAYERS".

The Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

12.30 "PROGRAMME SUMMARY".

BUD FREEMAN AND HIS ORCHESTRA.

12.45 "INTERLUDE" (Harrington) — her Orchestra.

12.50 "WEATHER REPORT".

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2.00 "PROGRAMME SUMMARY".

2.15 "CHANSON FRANCAISE".

2.30 "TIME SIGNAL, WORLD NEWS AND NEWS ANALYSIS (LONDON RELAY)".

2.45 "ROBERT BEATTY IN 'THE LADY ON THE SCREEN'" BY LESTER POWELL. Episode 4: "A Patch of Moonlight".

2.50 "PROGRAMME SUMMARY".

2.55 "SONGS FROM OPERA".

I still prefer to hear (Mi par D'ud'Anco) — Benjamin Gidol (Tenor); Cavatina di Lella — Lina Pagliuati (Soprano); In the depths of the sea (La Mer) — Jeanne D'Arcy (Soprano); The Gondoliers (Luisa) — Domenico Gobbi (Tenor); Prologue (King Palmer) — Dolf Van Der Linden and his Orchestra.

2.56 "WEATHER REPORT".

2.57 "STUDIO: 'HOME REQUESTS'" Presented by Jean.

3.00 "PROGRAMME SUMMARY".

3.15 "STUDIO: 'CHILDREN'S HALF HOUR'" Presented by Elizabeth Ann.

3.30 "INTERLUDE".

Czardas (Grossmann) — Ferdy Kaufman and his Orchestra.

3.45 "BACHESTER TOWERS" BY ANTHONY TROLLOPE. Episode 2.

3.50 "RADIO HONG KONG 'PROM' CONCERT".

Fine Nine' Nachtmusik (Mozart) — Eric Kellner conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra; Ballade for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 19 (Gabriel Fauré) — Kathleen Long (Piano) and The National Symphony Orchestra.

3.55 "SONGS BY EMILIO LIVI". Aquafada Campagnola (Rastelli); Zingarella (Lanza); Immancato (Tosca); Nata's a' (Lanza); La Cucaracha (Di Lazzero).

7.30 "UNITED NATIONS ALBUM".

7.45 "ARTIST OF THE WEEK" JOSEPH SZIGETI (VIOLIN).

8.00 "PROGRAMME SUMMARY".

8.15 "WEATHER REPORT".

8.20 "STUDIO: 'CHILDREN'S HALF HOUR'" Presented by Elizabeth Ann.

8.30 "STUDIO: PORTUGUESE HALF HOUR".

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# REINDEER ROUNDUP TIME



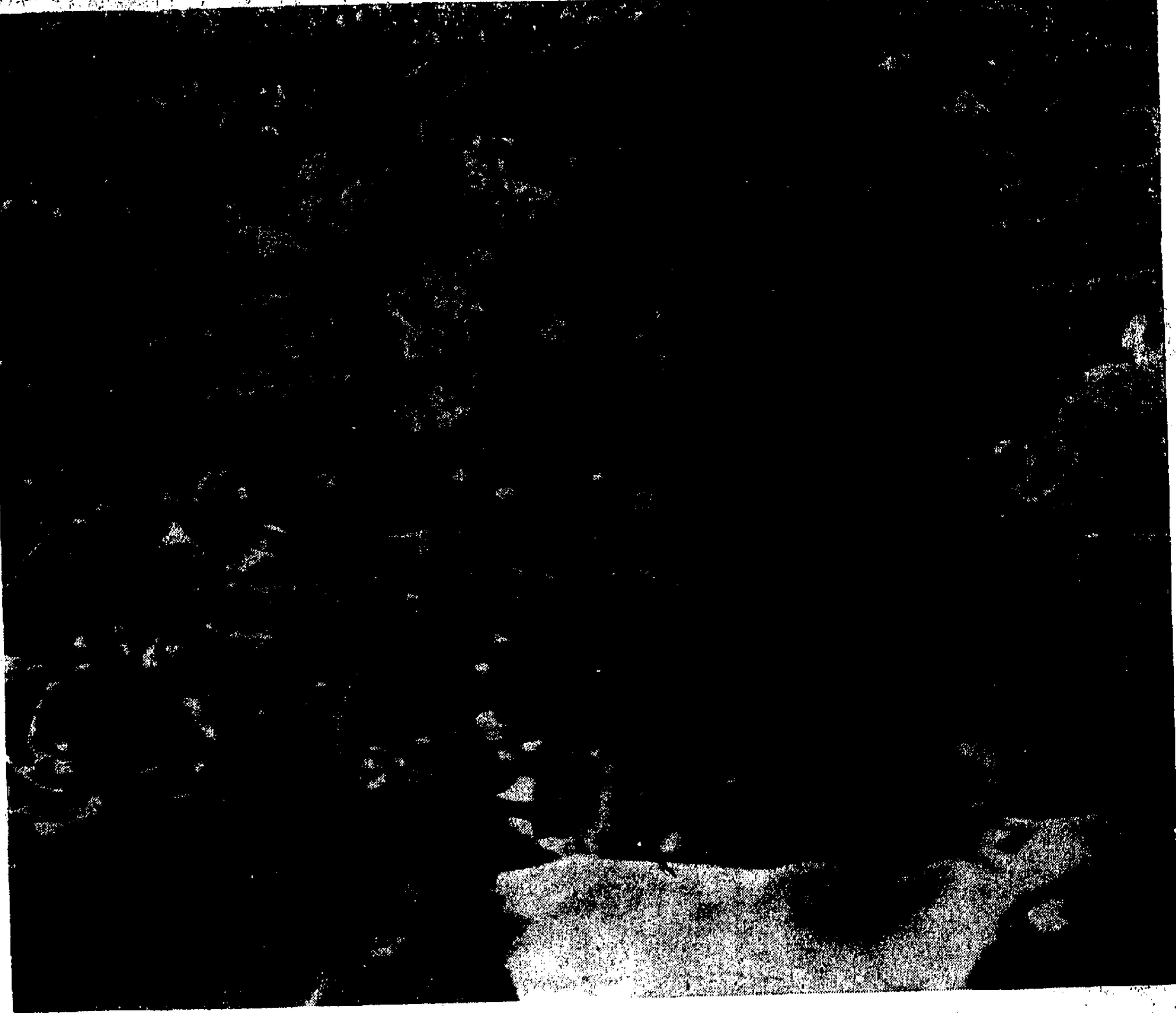
THE YULE is reindeer season, so Santa is busy grooming his swift chargers for their Christmas Eve journey. This year, he has more Dancers, Prancers, Vixens and Dashers than ever before, thanks to Canada's Department of Resources and Development. In 1935, the department became deeply concerned over the jolly old man's swarming herds and began a programme of conservation that is paying off far beyond expectations.

Santa's "cowhands" are the nomadic Eskimos who depend on the hardy, antlered animals for food and clothing in time of scarcity. After much effort, the natives were convinced of the necessity of rounding up thousands annually to be marked, dipped and inoculated before being set out to graze.

The pictures on this page were made on Richards Island, in the Northwest Territories, where a record 5,000 rovers were corralled. Though lacking the regular bronc bretches and 10-gallon hats of their prairie counterparts, the Eskimo "cowboys" share their charges with speed and skill. Supervised by government experts, they are succeeding in augmenting sparse fish and game supplies, also making sure Santa keeps on schedule.



WOMEN and children find the roundup of Santa's steeds a good show to while away an idle afternoon. The reindeer industry inside the Arctic Circle provides them with economic security.



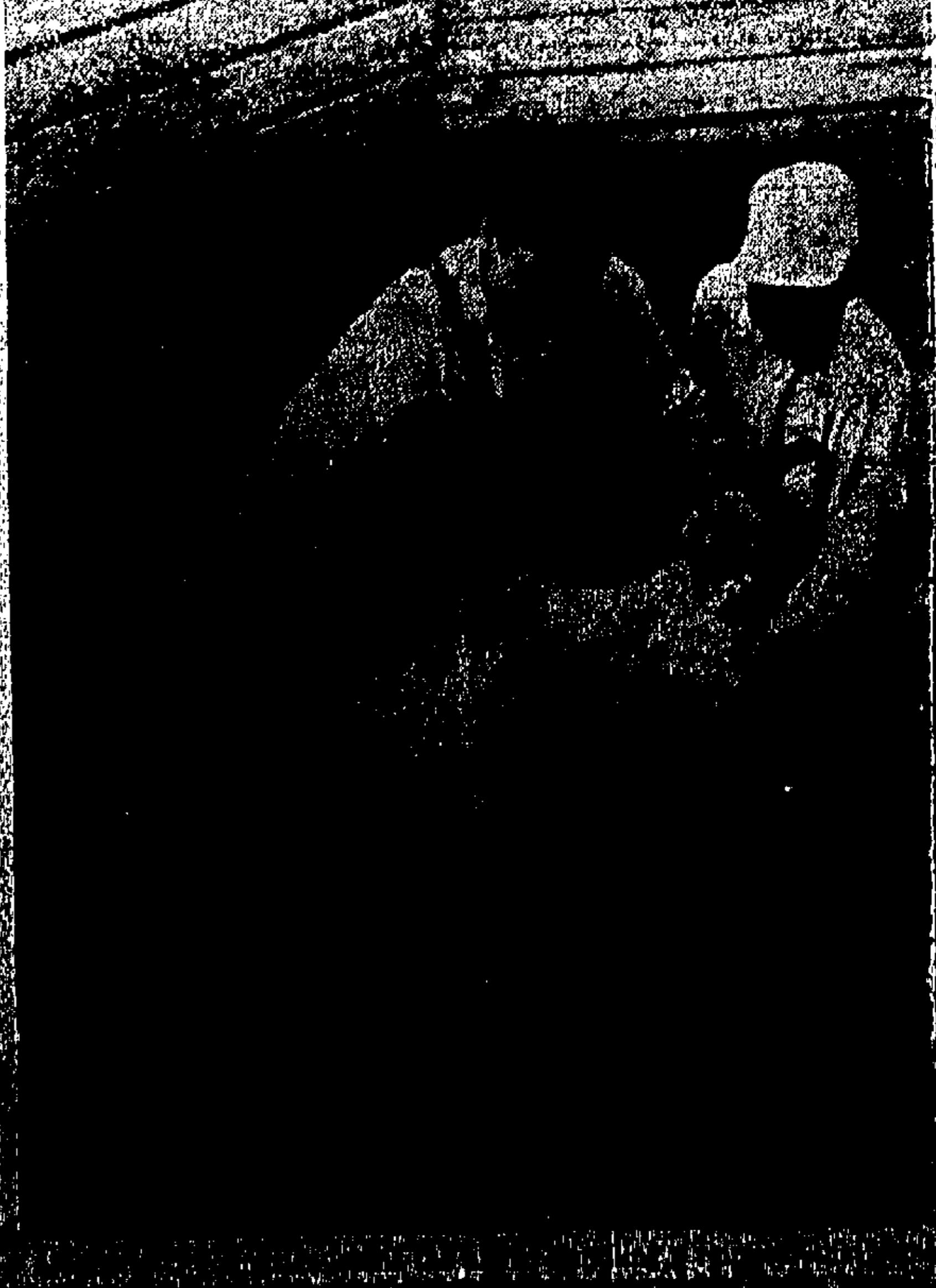
BLOCKADED reindeer huddle antler to antler in a large corral on Richards Island before being taken in small groups to the work pens. The albino deer in foreground serves as a marker for the herd against the dun-coloured Arctic tundra, helping Eskimo "cowpunchers" spot them during roundup.

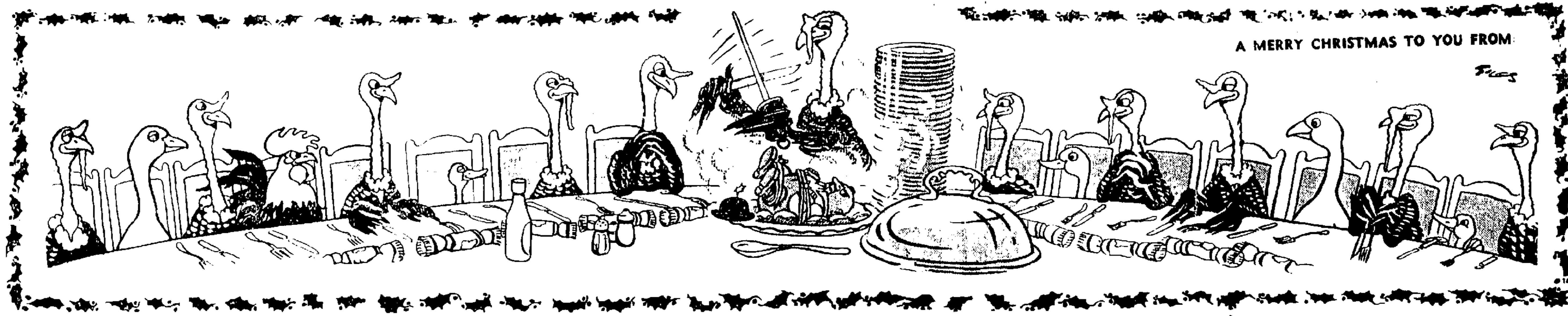


DURING the furious chase, Eskimo "cowhands" press a portable canvas fence against hundreds of half-wild reindeer who look like galloping candidates for Santa's sleigh. But they'll look even better to owners if famine should strike



THUNDERING through the dust, reindeer head for separate work pens as herdsmen chase them inside the corral. The northern herds are cut up in groups of 200 to 300 for easier handling in pens, where they are marked, dipped, inoculated.





A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU FROM

**T**HREE is no lovelier place in all Middle East than the upper part of the Jordan valley in the spring. It is the only place I know in that arid, heart-breaking landscape, built on rock and sun, and sand, in which there is any breath of gentleness. Renan, in his *Life of Jesus*, says that Jesus, though he came from Nazareth, was always more at home in the Galilee fishing-villages. For Nazareth is a hill-town, bare, stony, naked, abrupt; but the foothills fall from the west to the shores of Galilee, only a day's walk from Nazareth, are suave, gentle, and green in season—the right background for a gospel of peace.

I sat by the lakeside at Tabgha—an untilly village with 2,000 years of history behind it; and a promising future as a watering place—and looked over the water to Mount Hermon, now capped in April, rising head and shoulders over the northern foothills. Hermon dominates the upper Jordan, and deservedly; for to the summer-long melting of its snow the river owes its perpetual flow.

Without the 9,000 feet of Hermon, Jordan might be no more than a barren torrent for a week of the year, a string of trackless pools for a month or two, then dry banks and sandy bed. But the great mountain deals out his bounty thrifly, and is rewarded by a green forecourt to his majesty. His aspect from this side is not unlike that of Skiddaw, seen from Borrowdale, over Derwentwater.

From Tiberias, I could see a marked distinction between the eastern and the western sides of the valley. The grace is all on the western side. These hills fall in grassy curves to the water's edge; they have shapeliness and variety; a dark crag lowers over Magdala (Mary Magdalene's village); a grove of trees flecks the shore where Andrew and Simon Peter kept their boat.

On the eastern side (Syracuse to the north, Transjordania further south) the hills are forlorn and featureless, as if the desert had spilled over into the valley. The lower ground slopes tamely to the lake. Cedara was on that bank, and I do not know where the swine

## THE LANDSCAPE of the CHRISTIAN STORY

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found a steep place to run down.

In the trough of the valley it is green all the year round. But the grass on the hill-sides hardly outlives May. The winter rains beget it; in the summer sun it perishes. In the morning, it is green and growth-up; in the evening it is withered and cut down. But I have seen nothing like it in the spring.

It is a green shot through with all the colours of the floral palette. There are great, yellow Michaelmas

daisies so profuse that, at Rosh Pinnah and the Syrian frontier, and leaves on its right a little distance, they make a band of yellow in the green setting. A blue flower like a Canterbury bell competes with the daisies. As you come closer, these long-distance effects yield to the intenser colour of the smaller flowers—the piercing blue of the gentians, poppies in passionate scarlet, wild tulips, anemones, vetches, a-podol. One can hardly step from the path without trampling down a flower.

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From the chapel, a rough path goes down the hillside to Magdala, making for

As we talked, three wild-clad horsemen, with carbines on their shoulders, trotted along the opposite bank. They are part of a sort of frontier guard maintained, not by the Syrian government, but by the landowner who holds most of the land across the river. I watched them ride away, across the marshy flat which was once the proud city of Bethsaida.

"Woe unto thee, Bethsaida!" said Jesus. "For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which had been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sack-cloth and ashes." But Bethsaida did not repent, and there is now not a stone to show where it stood.

There is little more of Capernaum itself. There survives the mosaic floor and the base of the outer wall of the synagogue where Jesus first stood forward to speak his mini in public; and some fragments of a Roman basilica, a square, squat house which the Franciscans have built to watch over these relics; and two or three shepherd's hovels of stone and turf. That is all.

At the confluence, on the west side, is an Arab village—fifty or sixty dwellings, tents of black goatskin, sometimes reinforced with buttresses of soil or by a screen of matted reeds. It is a more or less permanent village, for there is water all the year, but it still looks like an encampment of nomads—all but the house of the head man of the village, a wooden hut, like an army hut, with two rooms and (this shook me a little) the telephone laid on. His name is Nasif Khoury. We called on him (I was walking with the local police officer) and found him busy settling accounts with his fishermen.

On the crest is a station of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, with their magnificent bay and chestnut horses, and their equally magnificent head-gear of black sheepskin, slathered with scarlet; from this post the caravans on an endless trail with the drug-smugglers from the north. And then, as you drop into the valley, comes Rosh Pinnah itself, the oldest, I think, of all the modern Jewish settlements in Palestine, more than fifty years old; it has had time to weather into conformity with its background, and prospers unostentatiously.

And above Huleh again, the valley becomes small and intimate. The river forks into four branches, some of them little more than brooks. But the Banias, which is the main stream, springs almost full-grown from a cave on the southern slope of Hermon. Like the Lethkill in Derbyshire or the Shannon on the Lorrha hills, and its course is comely and various with glades of oaks and hazel, and shallow gorges of rock, and waterfalls.

In this part of the valley stood Cesarea Philippi, where Jesus gave Peter his great commission ("Upon this Rock I will build my church"). And up the course of the infant Jordan he must have come, a few days later, with Peter and James and John, to scramble through the chestnut woods on the flank of Hermon and to gain the crest, still perhaps, decked with winter snow, on the day when the disciples saw him, as Matthew relates, gloriously transfigured on the mountain-top. And as they turned their reluctant steps southward and homeward, all the green world of Upper Jordan snaked up to greet them.

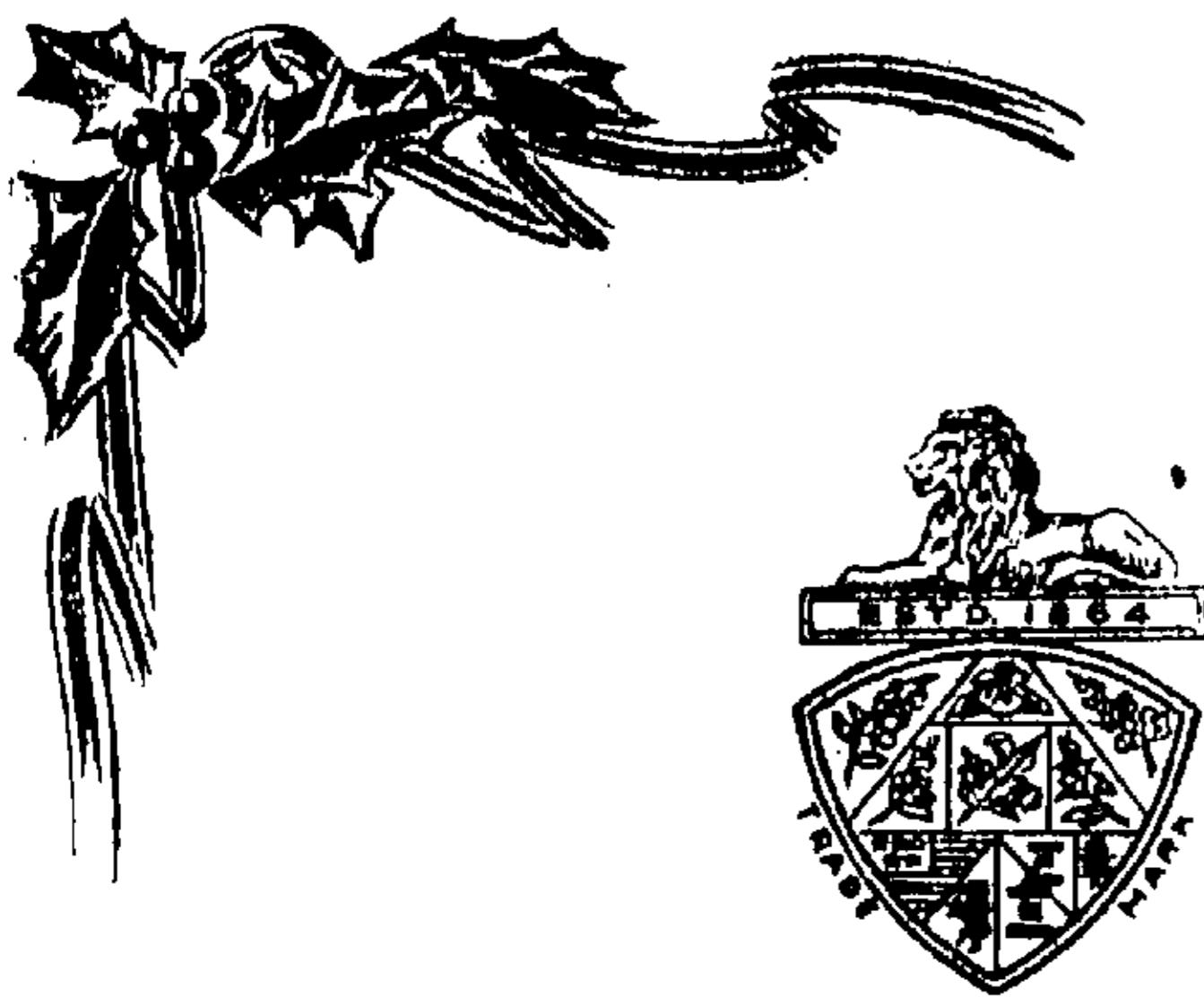
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## FOR HIM

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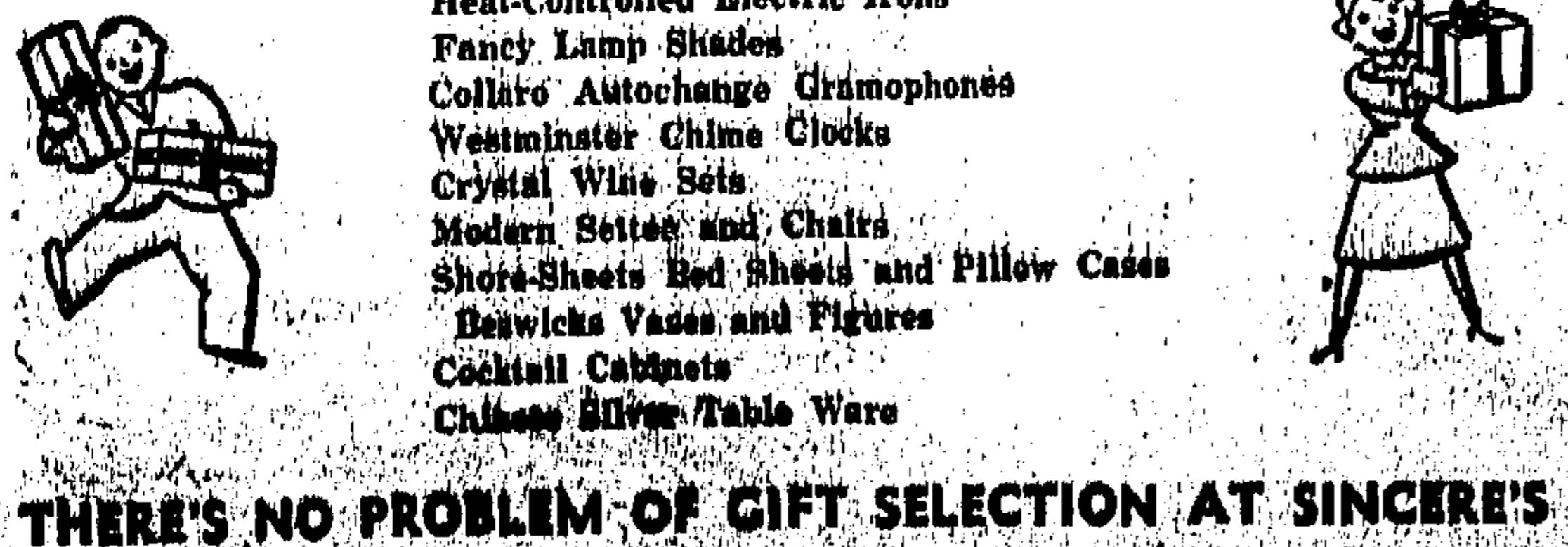
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THERE'S NO PROBLEM OF GIFT SELECTION AT SINCERE'S



DISARMAMENT TALKS - DAILY PRESS CONFERENCE

PARDON ME,  
YOUR DISC  
IS SLIPPING

FASHION NOTE by GEORGE SCOTT

IT was bound to happen.

In these days when common mental niggles are ennobled by the description "anxiety state," it was only to be expected that a "pain in the back" would receive a more exalted title.

There were always lumbo and sciatica, but they lacked a certain dignity. And there was fibrosis. But the vogue has passed.

Now the "pain in the back" has grown up. With grace and fashion enough it has swept its way from many a Mayfair drawing-room to Harley Street.

Poor Lavinia no longer has "a pain in the back." She has—"isn't it exciting?"—a "slipped disc."

Before the war it was practically unknown as a medical diagnosis. It wasn't that discs didn't slip; it was just that doctors hadn't noticed them.

## More patients

PROOF? Here are the comparative figures of people treated for slipped disc at a London teaching hospital.

Before 1939: NONE.

1947: 125.

1950: 192.

And to swell the 1951 total comes British heavyweight boxing hope Ray Wilding. Fashionable complaints have a long reach.

Now, what is this ailment?

Doctors call it a lumbar disc lesion. A disc is a cartilage—a sort of shock absorber—separating the small bones that make up the spine.

When a disc is slipped it means that one of these cartilages—usually in the lower part of the spine—has been crushed, fragmented or dislocated.

It can be caused by a sudden muscular strain—the lifting of a heavy weight, or heel-strike.

But the pain though often acute, is like that caused by lumbo and sciatica, or fibrosis. And an X-ray can't always reveal the difference.

Here is a poor man's guide. In one sentence, for those who may be in doubt: If you are suffering as a result of exposure to damp and cold, or from prolonged strain, the chances are that you have lumbo or sciatica—not a slipped disc.

The best way to avoid a disc trouble—as with many other conditions of the back—is not to slouch when sitting or standing. Bad posture starts the discs, and that is where backache of most sorts begins.

And watch how you push and pull and lift things. Don't strain those discs.

## Age toughens it

PEOPLE between 28 and 45 are most likely to get a slipped disc, say the doctors. And men more often than women. After 45 the spine gets less yielding, and lumbo more fashionable.

But if it does happen to you, if you feel something go "all of a sudden," giving a sharp, fierce pain, then it is best for you to back to the house.

We still have Morris Dancers in Herefordshire at Christmas, although Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, is the great day for Morris Dancing.

In recent years, the standard of dancing has much improved, owing to the revival of folk dancing among women's institutes.

The author of an old pamphlet, describing a Morris Dance at Hereford Racecourse in 1809, says: "Middlesex men are apt to trample down the fences and walk across the young wheat, as the object of their pilgrimage is about four fields from the highway."

I am afraid the annual visitation is not too popular with the farmer, because, in the dark, a number of people are apt to trample down the fences and walk across the young wheat, as the object of their pilgrimage is about four fields from the highway.

He goes on to describe the dresses: the musicians had long coats with hoop sleeves gathered at the elbows, white stockings, white and red roses on their shoes, the one six, a white Jew's cap with a jewel and a long red feather, the other six, a scarlet Jew's cap and a white feather. The Whiffle had long red-and-white staves; their job was to keep order; they also had a fool with a bell tied on behind.

It is recorded of one farmer, away in the east of the country, that he was so annoyed at the crowd of people that came to see the blossom that he had the bush cut down. The next year he broke his arm, and soon afterwards his leg; not long after that, part of the farm-house was burnt down, and all these calamities were looked upon by the country people in the light of a judgment.

I know a middle-aged woman, a hopeless tramp, whose affliction is attributed by her neighbours to the fact that she picked a spray of holly from the Holy Thorn on Twelfth Night, when she was a girl in her teens. So you see how deep-rooted are our beliefs in the supernatural.

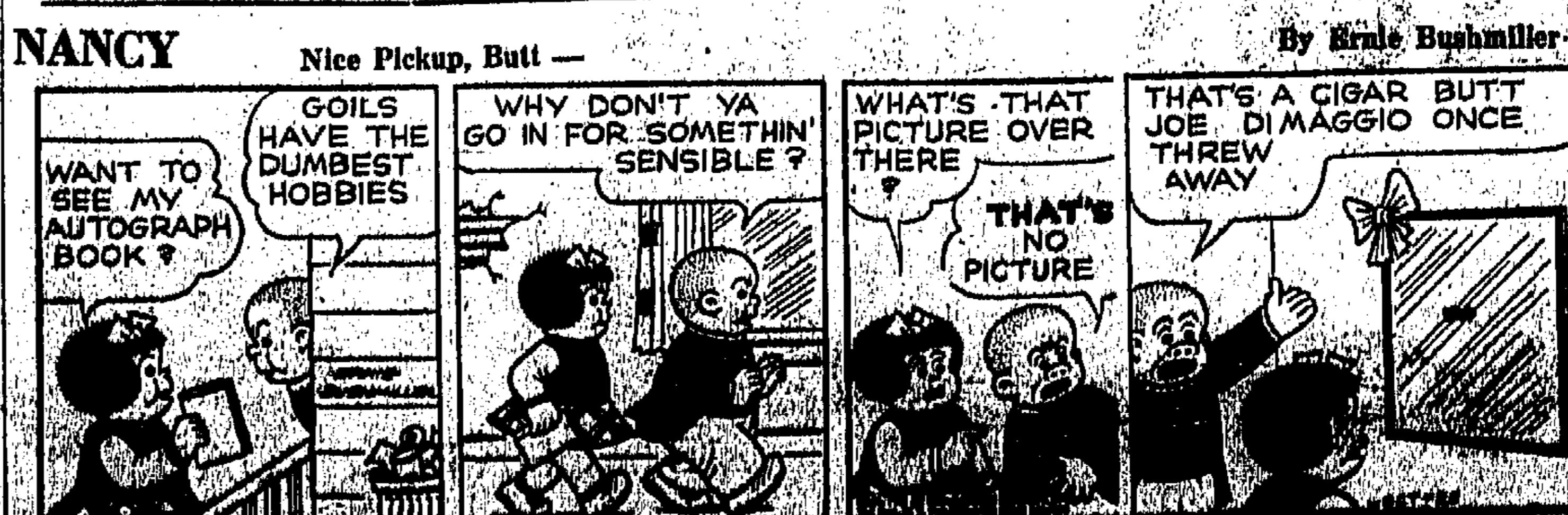
Another Twelfth Night legend is the adoration of the cattle. Many folk believe that

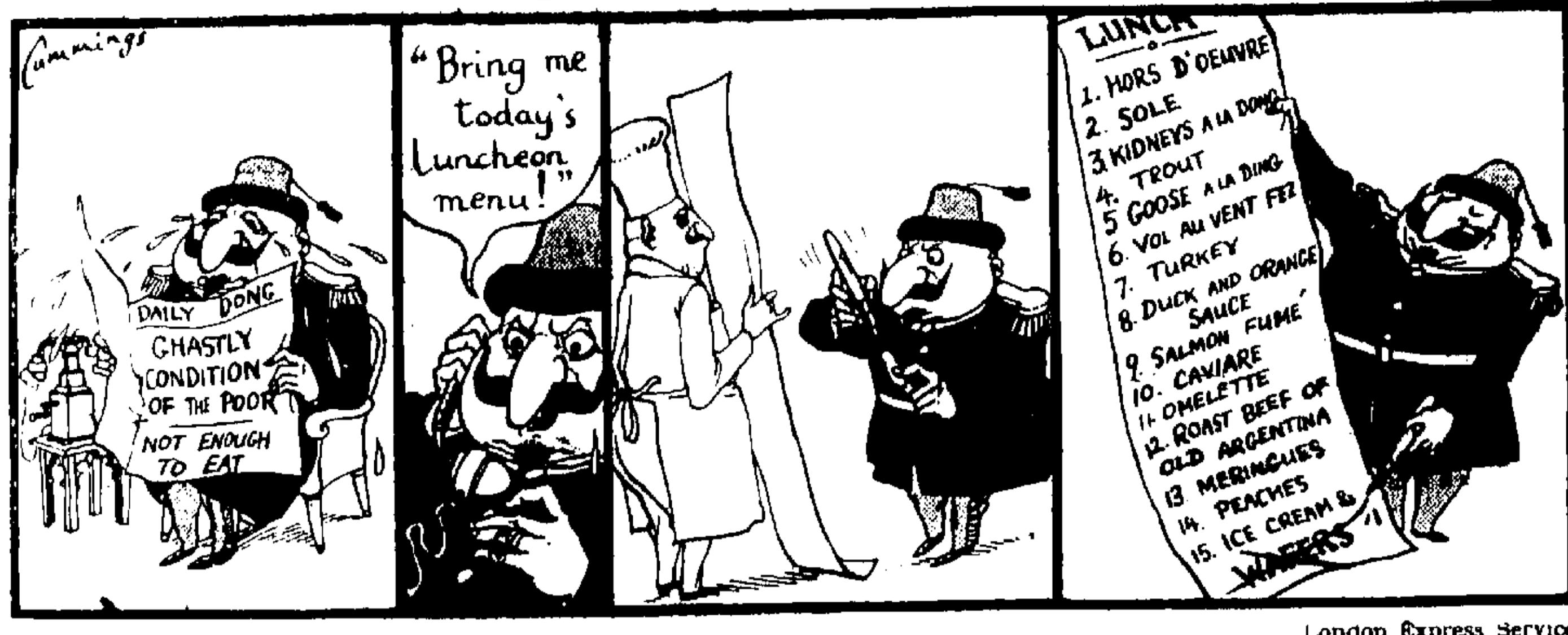
Only last year, as I was gathering a bough of mistletoe in my orchard, I offered a few



London Express Service

By Birds Bushmiller



**The Ding of Dong tightens his belt****Wanted: New Drink Test For Motorists**

By Chapman Pincher

LONDON. THE number of motorists caught driving under the influence of drink has risen sharply to more than 2,000 in the last year. Probably more than 2,000,000 drive under the influence and get away with it.

They are the men who call at the pub for a couple of drinks while motoring home from work. They are the young women who drive away from cocktail parties. They are the elderly couples who motor home after wine in the West End.

"He's fit for death, take two drinks and 'drive' is no exaggerated slogan. There is indisputable evidence that the motorist who takes only a couple of drinks impairs his driving ability enough to make him a danger on the road."

Doctors, scientists, and legal authorities are agitating for a more rigorous police test of intoxication to catch these offenders.

They want something more reassuring and more convincing to a jury than inability to walk

ing a pint of beer—substantially slower in operating the clutch, brake, and accelerator.

With double this amount of alcohol they needed 50 percent more road space to brake a car to a sudden stop than when cold sober.

None of the people taking part in the trials could have been diagnosed as "under the influence" by existing tests.

"At a certain concentration of alcohol in the blood everyone is 'under the influence' irrespective of habituation to drink," scientists from Wakefield's Forensic Laboratory have told the Medico-Legal Society in London.

**DANGER LIMIT**

AUTHORITIES like Sir Sydney Smith, Professor of Forensic Medicine at Edinburgh University, would fix the critical concentration of alcohol at 0.15 percent—a condition half-way between "dry and decent" and "slighted and devilish" on the chart.

This condition of partial intoxication is rapidly reached after taking three double whiskies.

Other authorities would fix a much lower danger limit.

Road trials have proved that expert drivers with as little as 0.05 percent of alcohol in their blood—the result of drink-

ing a pint of beer—are substantially slower in operating the clutch, brake, and accelerator.

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Two tests are under consideration for possible adoption as convincing evidence in British courts:

1. A direct measure of the alcohol in the blood and other body fluids.

2. A breath test carried out by an American device known as the "Drunkometer."

**BALLOON TEST**

A driver suspected of being intoxicated blows up a balloon attached to the device which is small enough to be carried in a policeman's pocket. The breath in the balloon then bubbles slowly through a tube filled with purple liquid.

If the liquid loses its colour in 90 seconds there must be enough alcohol in the driver's blood to influence his judgment.

And judgment warped by alcohol is a greater cause of crashes than clumsiness at the controls.

The quick drink which makes you feel that life is not so bad, convinces you that it is not so dangerous to overtake on a bend.

After one large whisky motorists drove much more rapidly than usual in trials. And they did not realise they were driving faster.

Nobody drives better after drink. People who believe they only drive more spectacularly and therefore more dangerously.

The tests can be criticised on the ground that they take no account of the fact that some people carry their liquor better than others.

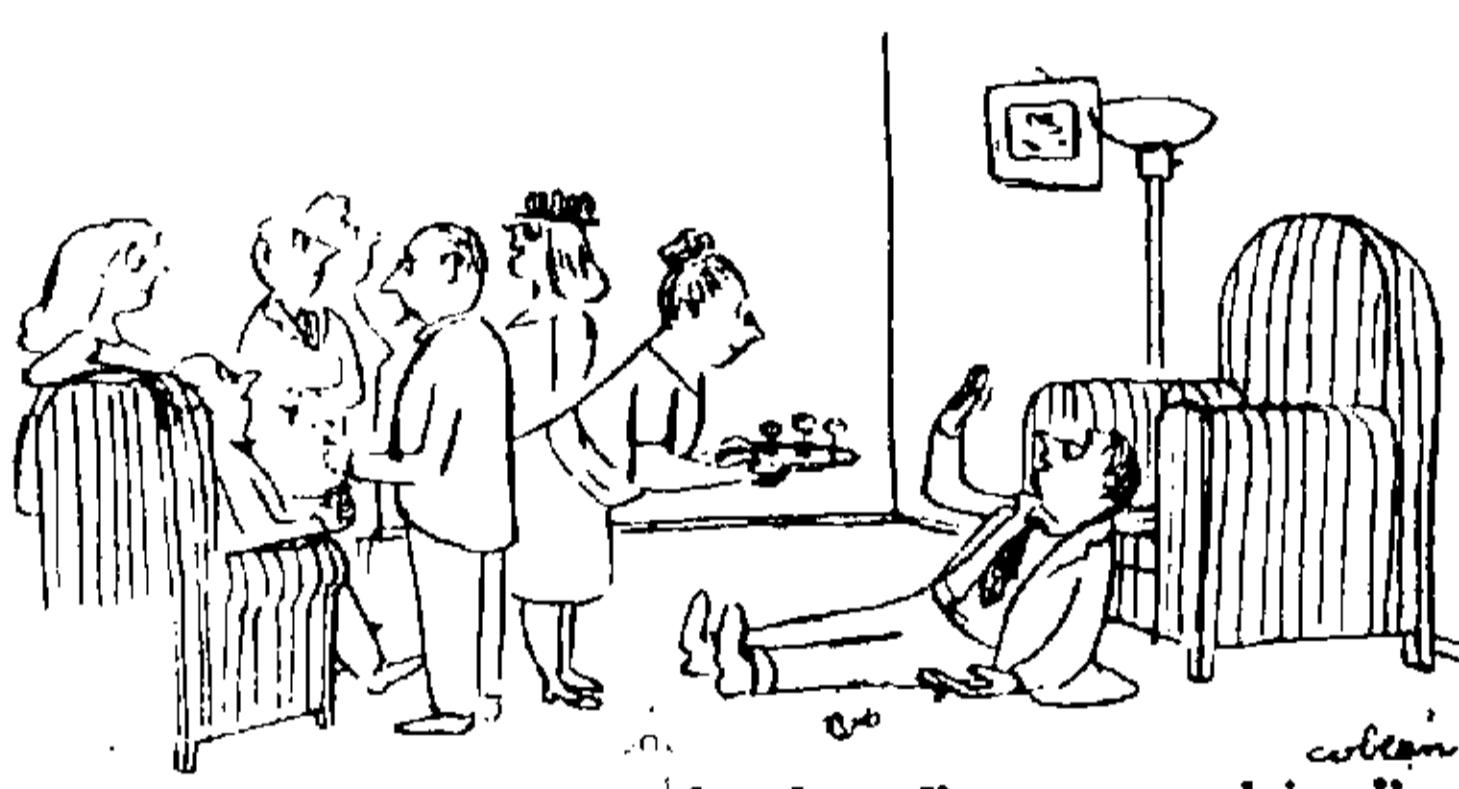
But there is strong evidence that regular drinkers are not resistant to alcohol so far as its effects on their judgment are concerned.

The fact that they get "fit from a couple of drinks is proof in itself that their judgment must be affected."

Is there a safe rule for the driver who wants to drink? Yes.

After two nips of spirits or two pints of beer do not drive for one hour. Allow a further hour for one additional "double" or its equivalent. And after that give yourself another hour for each additional nip.

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**A Box of Chocolates****CHRISTMAS SHORT STORY**  
By EDNA HETMAN

"THE situation is desperate, but not serious," said Pierre.

Yvette sighed. "You with your ill-placed sense of humour. There is the rent to pay next week, and tomorrow is Christmas, and I don't think there will be anything to eat. . . . Fifty-seven francs is all I have. And you say it is not serious!"

"Darling, but that's nothing! The worst is that I can't execute the commission of the crazy millionaire who wants real paintings as wallpaper for his winter-garden—palms, coconuts and cacti on coarse yellow silk. But first he wants to see how it looks against the walls. If I only had a few thousand francs to buy some material and to show him a few yards of the painting, he would grant me an advance."

"As it is, I shall lose the commission. This is why I said the situation is desperate, but it is not really serious as we still have the princely sum of 57 francs."

"I tell you what we'll do: for 10 francs they will give us some holly and perhaps a little bit of mistletoe, and so our room will look like Christmas and smell like Christmas. Leave 47 francs for bread—and there is some coffee left—we shall have quite a banquet! Have a little imagination, sweetheart! We shall eat our bread and imagine it is smoked salmon, and lobster, and turkey, and ice-cream, and whatever your heart desires. Nothing is too expensive for my beloved wife!"

"No, thank you. This is the kind of a present just good enough to give away. Send it over to old Mr Jerome in the attic, he has fixed our wireless the other day and wouldn't take any money."

"Monsieur Jerome was quite moved at the kindness of his neighbours. How charming of the Durands to send him a Christmas present! Of course, he'd sooner have had some cigarettes, his teeth were not what they used to be, but Mr Durand could not know that. What on earth was he to do with the chocolates? Perhaps the young people next door, the painter and his wife—she is so nice and she looks as if she had a sweet tooth—but would she not think him obtrusive? Oh, well, she need not know who gave her the present, it will be a surprise!"

"Monsieur Leroy was furious.

"A fine surprise, that!" he stormed. "This is just like your uncle Lucien. He has heaps of money—earned in the dirtiest possible way, I suppose—you invite him to dinner whenever he comes to town, which is about ten times this year, and this is his Christmas present! A small box of chocolates, and the cheapest

"Is it still the salmon we are eating, or is it the turkey?" inquired Pierre, taking very small bites of his bread crust.

"Silly, don't you see it is already the ice cream—there isn't any bread, I mean any ice cream left."

Then somebody knocked at the door. Yvette opened it. There was nobody in sight, but a little parcel hung from the door-knob.

"Look, it was Santa Claus! And it is chocolates! Hurrah! Now we are going to have a real dessert for our banquet!"

As the imaginary turkey had not satisfied their appetites, the sweets disappeared in an incredibly short time.

"This is a nice box, I can use it for my brushes," said Pierre, taking out the tissue paper. "Oh, there is a letter, quite a fat one. Heavens! What a lot of money—one, two, three—Yvette! Ten thousand francs! Oh, please, box my ears—no, don't, if it is a dream I don't want to wake up yet, I must buy a yard of yellow silk first! And here is a card . . ."

"My dear children," it ran, "I wanted to buy you a nice present, but I cannot find out what you would really like. Please, buy it yourselves. A merry Christmas."

PIERRE has got his commission and is painting green palm trees on coarse yellow silk.

Yvette has always a nice smile for funny old Monsieur Jerome who looks at her as if they had a secret to share.

Monsieur Durand cannot understand why Madame Leroy turns her head whenever they meet in the street. The woman used to be so friendly and even sent her a Christmas present—why on earth does she hate her now?

THERE are twigs of holly on the mirror, on the pictures, on the paper table cloth, and there is even a very small sprig of mistletoe hanging from the lamp. It looks like Christmas, and smells like Christmas!

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On Children and  
Saints  
and Christmases

By JOAN SCHOUP-ERSKINE

ENGLAND, they say, is a man's country. In America, we hear, is ruled by the women. But in one small country in Europe, the children reign. Holland is notable for the superb feats of water engineering, cheeses, and children. It hardly seems fair that the youngster should receive no warning of what is ahead.

The Easter sea on comes with the spring. Round corners and along main streets, at an amazing speed, hurtle small blue-eyed blonde fiends on large dangerous machines. Nothing like the primitive playthings of our youth—these are fitted with bells,

to), an unusual interest in adults, and a tendency to obey—which their parents always interfere with—when their doing is wrong. The result of everything is festal. The last moment, with a word in his ear, never forget, is his defence—but one never knows what will happen this year. Smashed window panes, stolen apples, the cross face of a policeman, suddenly become vivid memories.

Wednesday afternoons should be evaded at all costs—for then the curious ones are released from school and are quite apt to put on their scarves off, in your hat, from your head, spill your shopping basket, or bring forth candle

comment on the quality of your make-up.

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WHILE parents in other countries are getting into a panic three days before Christmas, the Dutch are feeling mighty complacent. The present-giving and eating proper is over. Christmas is merely a peaceful follow-up of the buying and eating orgy by which Holland—for no apparent reason—celebrates the birthday of a medieval Spanish

St. Nicholas, who was

not

the rest of the evening. Black Piet

hands him a list of particulars

indicating where a removing

mark or a word of praise would

not come amiss, and the couple

set their annual round.

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THE belief in St Nicholas is mostly shattered when the Jans and Annetjes reach their critical age of seven or eight, but it is encouraged as long as possible by lazy parents who lack authority and can threaten conveniently with the arrival of the kind but just saint. The general improvement of young Holland's conduct during this period is really remarkable.

But St Nicholas is no merely a saint kept alive for the benefit of children. Adults take a serious part in this day. Weeks before, people are secretly buying and wrapping presents, and writing the long poems which must, according to tradition, be attached to them. A St Nicholas present is nothing without a lengthy poem, which may begin with tender words of love but usually ends by being a series of gibes at personal idiosyncrasies, habits and incidents. These are meant to be read in the family circle—and highly embarrassing it all is.

On the evening of the fifth, Holland is converted into one huge kindergarten; cinemas and restaurants are almost empty, and a few stray people in the streets are carrying parcels and hurrying to some warm fireside, where the home-made poetical efforts are read and huge mugs of hot chocolate are drunk.

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IF you go to Holland in December take with you a good appetite. Hardly recovered from the hangover of December 6, the Dutch housewife, who firmly believes that a happy life depends on a well-filled stomach, prepares herself for the serious task of Christmas cooking, which runs more or less on the same lines as its British cousin, although the traditional pudding is unknown, and olie bollen take its place. Olie bollen (usually translated loosely by the English into oily balls) are delicious bun-like affairs stuffed with spice and currants and peel, dipped into hot butter and fried golden brown. A dish of toast covered with smoked eel, a flagon of heavy Dutch gin, and we are set for the evening.

WHEN the evening of December Fifth is reached, tension is at breaking point. Jan and Annetje are eating huge quantities of "speculaas"—biscuits made of a mixture of cinnamon, nutmeg and ground cloves. Suddenly there are strange noises in the house. They look at their parents with fear and, for once, they are doof and well-behaved. They know that St Nicholas will be accompanied by Black Piet, who carries a big sack. This sack can contain their happiness—or their doom: the longed-for presents or a whip.

One never knows what is in the Saint's Doomsday Book and Piet is quick in carrying out the sentence; to be put in the sack

Who's happiest when it is all over? Probably Tom, who

does not have to be a bishop

any more.

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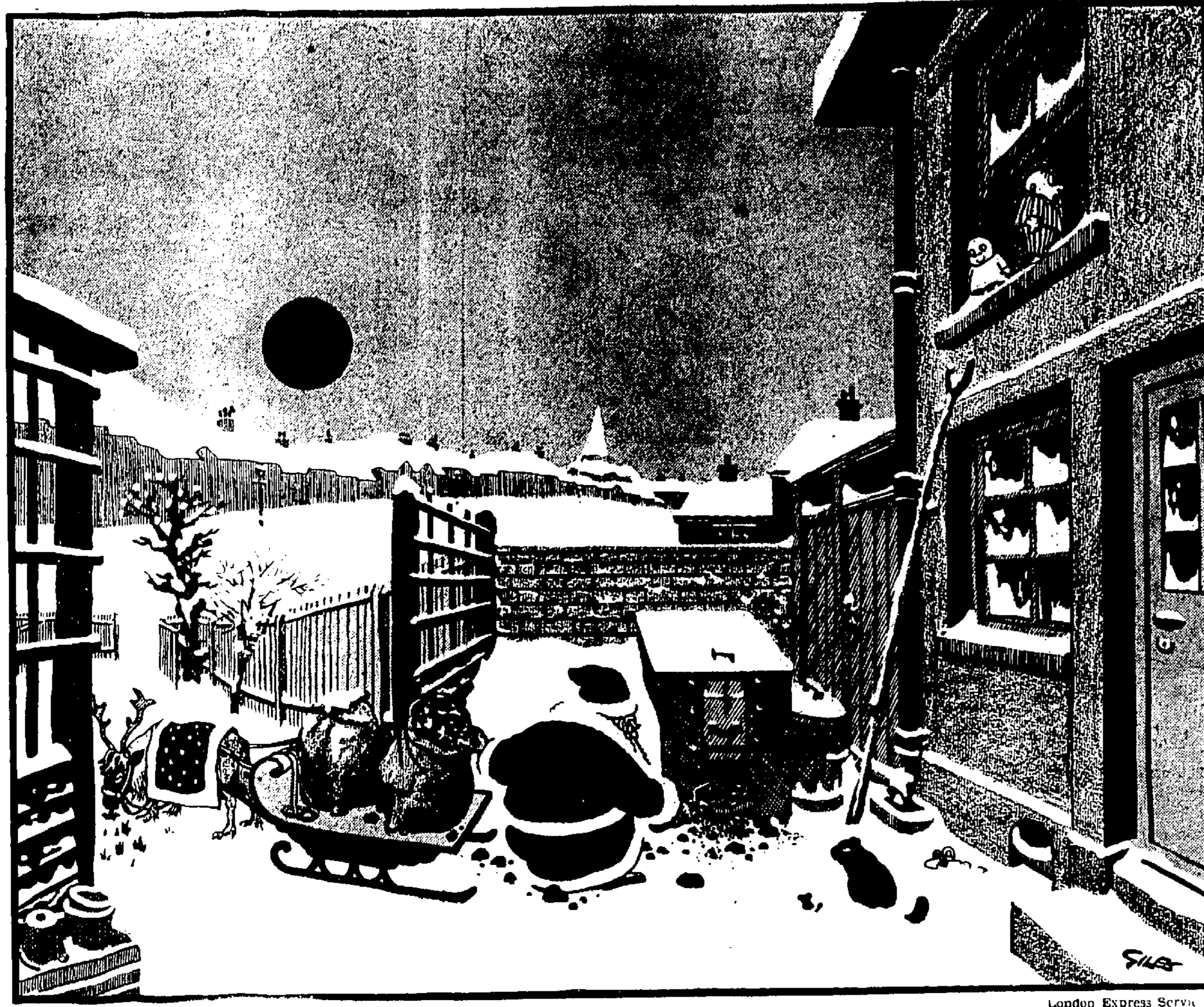
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"Dad — he's pinching our coal."

'Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
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By DOUGLAS COBBAN

THE ingrate who represents the ubiquity of the Scot would be puzzled no doubt if told that these opening words of Auld Lang Syne represented for the Scot at home ed, after all, that on New or abroad, an unending Year's Day itself not one challenge to him in his drop of spirit can be secured relations with the rest of mankind. Believe me, it weighs heavily upon him, auspicious start. New Year in, year out. With the exception, of course, of one night in the year—Hogmanay. Wherever he may be that night, he then becomes as free a man as ever Rabbie Burns could have wished for. His spirit soars, untrammelled.

Gone for this one glorious night are the cares he shoulders for the world during the previous 364 days. Gone are the so-called nationalist inhibitions attributed to him—drowned (literally maybe!) in the spirit of his all-encompassing compassion for mankind. It can be argued by the less enlightened that the aforesaid spirit seems to be pretty dourly bottled-up except for the saving Hogmanay Nicht. We'll let that pass.

BEFORE engaging in some recollections, pleasant and otherwise, of Hogmanay in exile, it may be advisable to guide the uninitiated a little further into the mysteries of the Great Occasion.

Hogmanay may have its gleeful opening (as I, with some regret, can vouch) at any time in the 24 hours preceding the midnight welcome to the New Year. The celebration's end, on the other hand, is entirely dependent on individual capacities, in quite a variety of directions. These range from intake of ginger beer (for the youngster, chiefly) to the devouring of the traditional Black Bun (a solid guaranteeing indulgence for many hours of the New Year, and requiring

## HOGMANAY—IN EXILE

liberal liquidation. I would prescribe Scotch).

Churlish Sassenach souls are prone to suggest that

the real inspiration of Hogmanay is to be found in the Scot's bars (they call them pubs in England). What of it? It is to be remembered that on New Year's Day, as far as all Scotland—for the inn-keeper as well as the

real price in memories.

Which brings me right down to the amazing business of celebrating Hogmanay in the places of this earth where one can get a drink, if one is so thirstily inclined. New Year's Day. Amazing! Well, admittedly the viewpoint depends on how effectively or ineffectually Hogmanay has been celebrated. The New Year's Day "draple" from some kindly bottle, might well earn the adjective "concerning" in certain post-Hogmanay circumstances. Hair of the dog is the more crude and usual way of expressing the sentiment, I believe.

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There's a fine romantic flavour in recollection of our Hogmanays spent as an exile. Ever been on Coney Island on Hogmanay? I haven't. But I bet it's fun. Blackpool, Brighton, Festival Battersea—throw them all in and they could not offer more, I swear, than the "Coney Island" party staged by American friends on my last Hogmanay spent in Baghdad. All the fun of the fair—and what Scot doesn't enjoy that?—was to hand. There may not have been unlimited supplies of native-born Scotch available—the war was but over and the "reptur" still costly and scarce. Highballs of Canadian rye and high-sinks, however, mixed excellently in this American sample of a real Scots, "let the hair down," Hogmanay revel.

Only one thing was missing—a bit of Scots dancing. That was made up for, before dawn, however, in continued celebrations on the home front of resident Scots living in this Capital of the "Celtic" Empire. Revolts of the hair shades, which must have been more than a little ruffled by the uninvited Hogmanay vandals of that memorable night.

The mind also turns with no little pleasure, to that first Hogmanay night in Baghdad when we left the Old Year behind and took a bank of the new. The world seemed that

fine river in time to welcome the New Year on the opposite bank. The mellowness of the occasion did not dim recognition of the loveliness of the midnight hour, with the full moon's rays filtering through the palms to silver the historic waters. And what recked we if the occasion did provide our dusky boatman, full of the gelt of his illustrious ancestor, Ali Baba, with easy opportunity to extort from a Scot a man for once—the fils ad lib.

Tom Moore, worth

enough, for that one night, anyway, to embrace the Holy City in a full, if uneasy, atmosphere.

In memory's revellings, nothing stands out more disturbingly than our first Hogmanay in England, and our first in Exile.

It will be charitable, no doubt, to make clear that it was at an early stage in World War II,

and that this particular Hogmanay found us in what seemed the night to be the loneliest Ack-Ack site ever.

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There have been other queerly situated Hogmanays, Hogmanay, for example, with the tinn-toms maintaining monotonous rivalry with the dirge of bagpipes as we went on congo-ing round a huge bonfire in the African "bush." A truly witching hour, with fireflies as substitutes for lanterns to help carry out the traditional "fires, footling" before daybreak.

Back still earlier, to a Hogmanay with spurious, jovial spirits awaiting the crash of the next terrorist's bomb—in the hallowed "peace" of Jerusalem. The crash that never came, however. The spirit of Hogmanay proved strong

after all the Christmas revelries. As our watches signalled midnight, we drank from a carefully guarded wee bottle of Scotch—all that was left in us by them.

To the accompanying snores

in the freezing hut we toasted the New Year in. In horse-croaks that fortunately did not pierce the subconscious of nearby "authority" we had the temerity to render a stanza of Lang Syne.

"We'll tak' a cup o' kindness wi' us."

"For the days o' Auld Lang Syne."

What a Hogmanay! Across the space between our beds two hands clasped in sympathy. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot?" I fell asleep wondering.......

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THE FIRST CRACKER

IN 1860 Tom Smith looked at a Yuletide log burning in an open fireplace, heard it crackle and had an idea.

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T-day 300 pairs of nimble hands are working at top speed at the factory off Finsbury-square E.C., making crackers which vary in size from three inches to seven feet.

The work is all done by hand and the hands are those of girls who have become so expert that they put together the 12 pieces of paper in each cracker with lightning speed.

## AN EAR FOR HIS GIRL FRIEND

By J. W. TAYLOR

MAYBE you have had to face the old what-to-buy problem this Christmas-tide. Vincent Van Gogh certainly had, for the famous artist was too poor to afford a present for his girl friend. Love, however, soon found a way. At least, Vincent did—he cut off his left ear and gave it to his beloved for Christmas.

One of the strangest Yuletide offerings was from Robert Louis Stevenson. It was the gift by dead poll of his own birthday to a little girl who celebrated her on December 25.

The popular carol "Christians, Awake . . ." was written by John Wainwright, organist of Collegiate Church, Manchester, as a Christmas present for his daughter, Dolly, who found the manuscript of it on her breakfast plate of the morning of December 25, 1748.

Thomas Guy, founder of Guy's Hospital, London, in 1721, interpreted the spirit of Christmas better than most of us by spending a hundred guineas on the release of poor people imprisoned for debt. One of them was "Jang, Middleton," widow and her children, "very poor and pensioned 20 weeks" and mother of seven indigent rats, who

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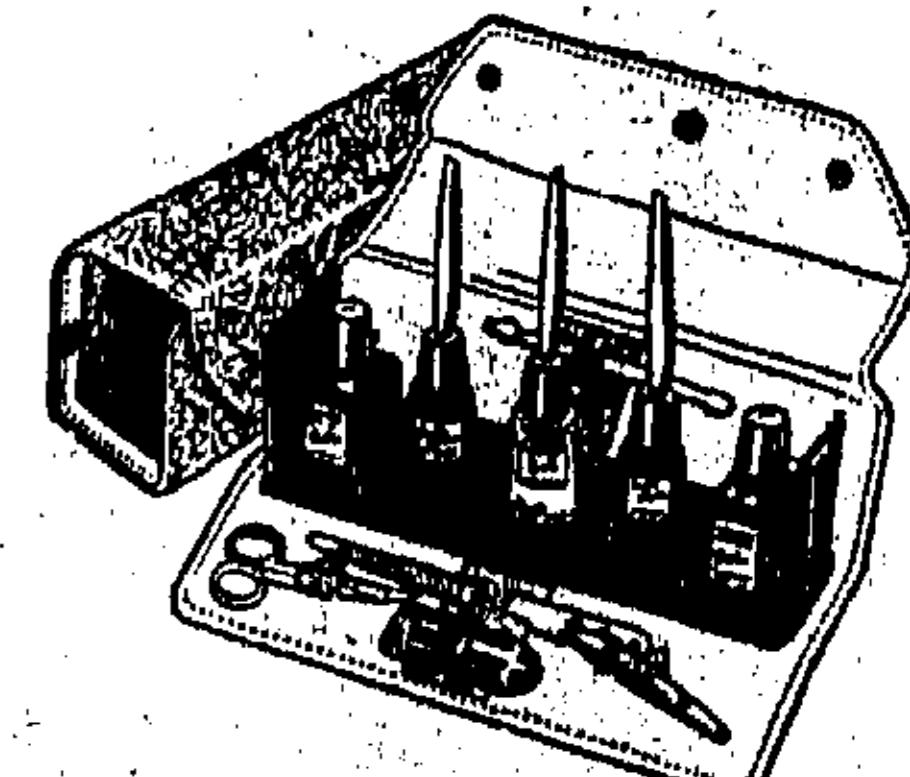
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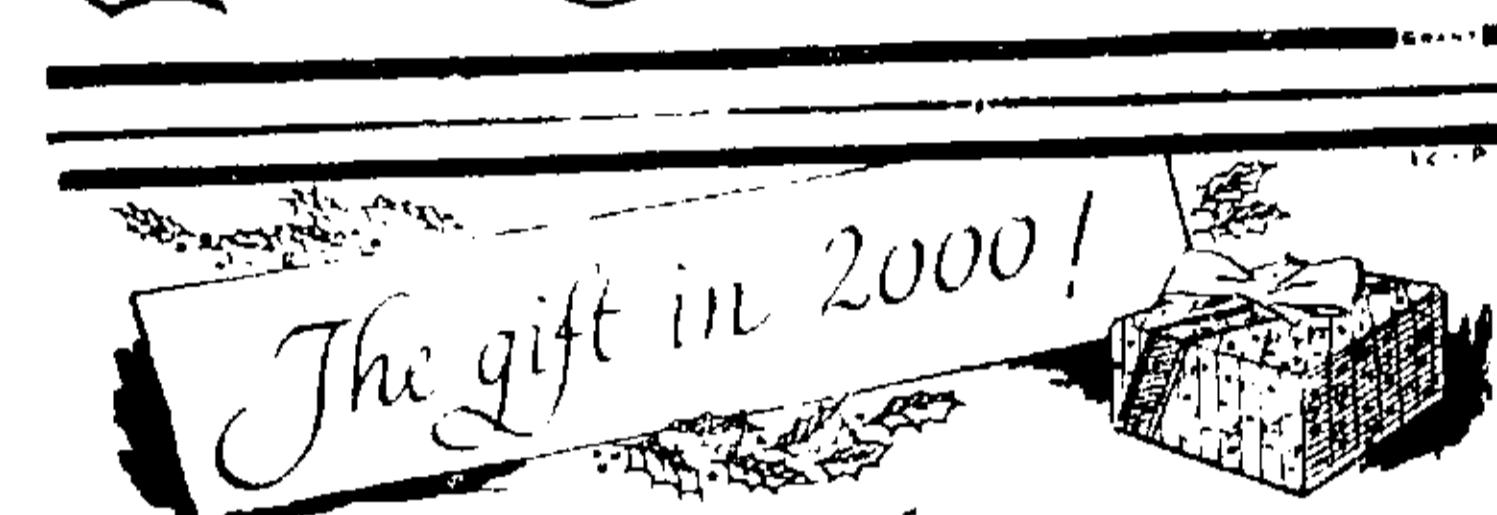
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By **CHARLES REID**

# ENGLAND'S FIRST FAT CHRISTMAS

**N**OT fat for everybody, agreed. The Christmas Eve newspapers reported that within one week a Camden Town abourer's wife, aged thirty nine, and eight babies elsewhere in London had died from exhaustion for want of proper nourishment. In plain English they had starved to death.

Such cases were, however, an anomalous hangover from the Hungry Forties. For most Britons Christmas 1851 was something enough. Even the pauper pauper was given something to eat, in Cobbett's phrase, stuck in his ribs. Good harvests plus unaxed wheat import's had brought bread down to sixpence the four pound loaf, lowest price of the century. This may seem no great boon from today's viewpoint, but for the labouring classes, as they were loftily called by everybody who wore the white shirt and a swiney hat, of course, bread was still the staple article of diet a hundred years ago.

Falling prices and more jobs followed presently by a general rise in wages, accidentally effected a great political assignment. The ex-reverend Chartist, who had known what it was to live on crusts, boiled mettles and inflammatory porches, were putting away their pikes and their dreams. Plenty was at hand. Radicals and political reform no longer seemed so agonizingly urgent. Revolution was adjourned.

**A**LL the more reason for eating, drinking and making merry. At a shew off the Strand which specialised in Christmas tamaups you could buy a bottle of Scotch, gin rum, French brandy, port and sherry, all of a very best, for less than a pound. In muddy, roaring Cheapside the most honourable chamberlain in town was selling oysters four hours after their being taken from the Burnham river at sevenpence the dozen.

Food was avalanching in London from all points of the compass, jamming docks, railways and market alleys. Never before had so many geese and turkeys come in from France, Holland, Belgium. Nor did the English country lag behind. On Christmas Eve railways in the London area were overloaded with poultry from Shropshire, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Norfolk.

"No, only," wrote an observer, "were all the railway trucks requisitioned to meet the emergency but on some lines all second and third class carriages were crammed with geese, turkeys and hampers containing presents from country friends."

The Leadenhall and Newgate markets, where you could buy a turkey for as little as five shillings had seen no ring like it before and, having hoped for better prices, didn't particularly care if they saw nothing like it again.

The same abundance prevailed at Covent Garden. Boys scampered unreprieved around the market stalls for spillings of holly and mistletoe. Christmas trees were packed along the cobbles in groves of unprecedented length. "This won't do at all," grieved the market men, "there's too much of everything."

**T**HE butchers were in like frame of mind. Ten days earlier, at Smithfield's annual show of Christmas car'le, the critics had been mainly concerned not with the weight of the beasts but with their style and symmetry. Breeders and dealers discussed outstanding Herd'ords much as the cognoscenti had discussed a statue at the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park a few months earlier. Quietly, was a bore, something you took for granted. London's cattle imports from Aberdeen had increased a hundred-and-fifty fold in thirty years. Car'le breeding was now a branch of aesthetics. The Prince Consort won twenty guineas of prize money with a pair of oxen which were considered to be unimpeachably modelled.

By Christmas Eve mid, humid weather had forced a most glutinous cold storage as yet undeveloped, butchers looked in dismay at their immense stocks and, knowing the stuff would not keep, reluctantly unhooked them to the City, which was still a residential quarter for bankers, merchants and their lawyers. Fine flight was going in gas-shops at Liverpool a pound at Smithfield, even until



CHRISTMAS TRAIN arriving in the Eastern counties, laden with hampers.

The survey which The Times used to print annually under the rubric, "Christmas Day in the Workhouse", showed that eighty or ninety thousand paupers in the London poor law districts dined on half-a-pound of bonefree beef each, followed by plum pudding and other delicacies, the whole washed down by a pint of porter. In many workhouses, we read, "rectors, ladies and gentlemen attended to see the paupers enjoy themselves. Victorian charity did not excel in tact.

There were many wretched families who proudly preferred to give the workhouse a wide birth. Victorian sociology classified these as the deserving poor. Ten thousand deserving poor, young and old, were invited by the Leicester Square soup kitchen managers to breaking tables in a bunting bedecked enclosure where, to the wonderment of the entire neighbourhood, a whole ox had been roasted by gas under the direction of a versatile gas company superintendent. The aggregate bill of fare included "nine thousand pounds of beef" and baked meats a couple of hundred rabbit pies, fifty hare pies, sixty rabbit pies, fifty pork and mutton pies weighing ten to sixty pounds each, twenty roast geese, hocks of porter, a mountain of plum pudding, cakes, chestnuts, oranges...

Food was avalanching in

So much bullion was in transit that occasional hunks went astray. Before rising for the Christmas vacation, the Court of Exchequer found the South Western Railway to blame for losing a box of gold dust belonging to the Rothschilds which had come all the way from the Panama Isthmus.

The upstart steamship was only a smudge on the horizon. But the smudge was growing portentously.

By the end of Christmas week the governors of the Bank reckoned they were sitting on gold coin and bullion to the tune of nearly seventeen million sterling—a larger amount observed one commentator, "than could have been dreamed of a few years ago."

Most Englishmen were too preoccupied with their private affairs and seasonal pleasures to reflect that the country was in the throes of economic evolution. At Sadler's Wells Theatre on Boxing Night "The Lady of Lyons," a curtain raiser, was acted in dumb show amid shouting, screaming, concerted stamping, orange peel throwing and free fights. Most audiences in London were behaving in the same way. Mild rioting was a cherished Boxing Night convention in the theatre, part of the Londoner's licensed fun.

The new iron hulls, like the old ones of teak, were needed for human as well as commodity cargoes. Emigration for some years a sorrowful necessity among the impoverished Irish, had become big business among knowing Englishmen.

After looking at the machine-made lace curtains and the gold mounted memento bracelets in human hair which were the great Christmas novelty gifts of the year, the shopper was invited to make his choice between alternative lines in patent folding emigrant's tents, complete with slung cots, tables and camp stools.

There were patent folding emigrant's boats as well, safe, strong, cheap, roomy, handsome, easy to row and easy to re-sell—or so it was claimed. "No emigrant," urged the makers, "should proceed to any part of the globe without taking one or more of these boats with him."

**W**HAT beckoned the 1851 emigrant above all else was gold. The recently opened Australian and Californian fields had occasioned a rush which Christmas festivities were powerless to halt. On Christmas Day the steamer Medway, newly out of Southampton, was heading down-Channel on the first leg of her voyage to San Francisco with a party of assayers, artisans and miners on board who were under orders to exploit the Californian holdings of a much-room firm known as the Nouveau Monde Gold Mining Company. "We are daily gaining confidence in the richness of the California veins and in their permanence," disclosed the Nouveau Monde blurb writers.

Hopes in the Australian fields ran equally high. Many a City man, while holding his Christmas port, read the prospectus of the British-Australian Gold Mining Company and, through the general haze of cigar smoke, had visions of ingots, being profitably at Summer Hill Creek and along the Hunter River.

Already gold was streaming back into the coffers of the Bank of England. Most of it came in as payment for Britain's new and thriving exports. Bullion was almost as plentiful as in fact. Every check cleared in the Bank's vaults that went into the Bank's safe, whether it was for a hundred or a thousand pounds



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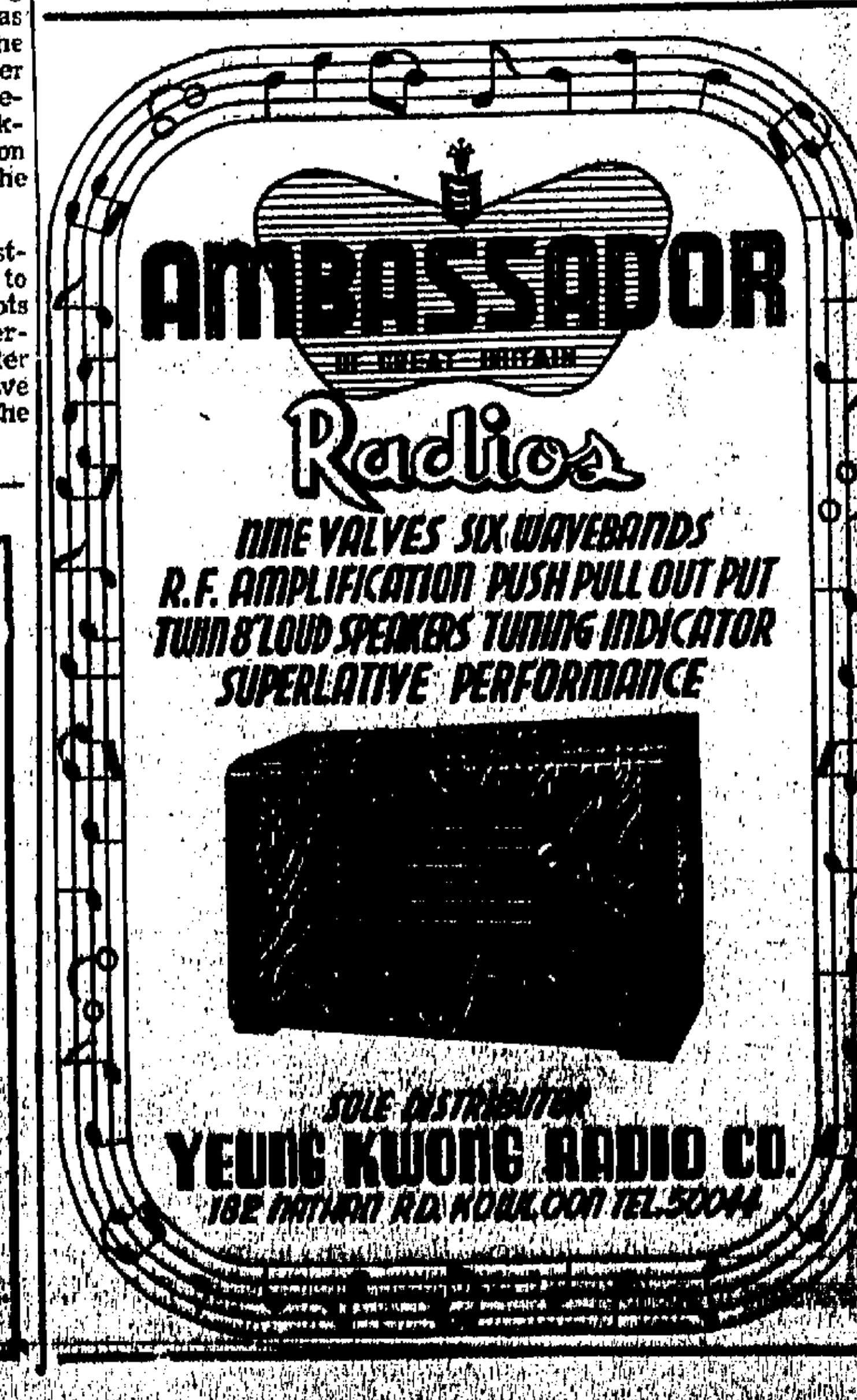
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large pores.

**When putting on**  
rouge remember:

1. To apply rouge on the prominent or high places of your cheeks.
2. Don't apply rouge over the hollows of your cheeks.
3. Don't apply rouge lower on the cheeks than the region opposite the bottom of your nose, especially when you are over 35.
4. Don't let rouge run right into your hairline at the sides but to blend it off before it reaches it.

Now you are ready to use powder.

Your powder should be about the same colour as your base.

**Eyes are the next.**

Eyes should be glamorous at your party. Eye-lash curlers would enhance the beauty of your long lashes. Use mascara of course. The colour of your mascara will depend on your general colouring. Blue-black, bronze or greenish are generally used.

*And remember your neck needs as much cosmetic care as the rest of your face. A young face and an antique trunk simply don't agree.*

If there is one thing which isn't traditional about Christmas, it is dressing for the party . . . .

## The NEW YOU This Christmas

By Dorothy Barkley

North, East, South or West? A white Christmas or tropical temperatures? Indoor parties, or outdoor picnics—which is it for you? Wherever you are, Christmas has come, bringing its junketing and merrymaking

### Handbags:

The newest styles are made in soft black suede, cut in six sections, and finished with matching cord. To add sparkle, use beads or diamante round the edge to match diamante on your shoes. (Illustrated)

### Belts:

Infinite variety can be introduced with these. We have selected two different styles: the first, in plain leather, fastens amusingly with a functional gold padlock. (Illustrated) The second, a belt, button, and pocket set, will be saving grace for any black dress. The entire set is made in black grosgrain decorated as you please with clusters of coloured stones. (Illustrated)

### Sweaters:

The party air with a difference comes in sweaters too. If you have a fine long-sleeved cashmere sweater—moss green is a good colour—team it with a satin skirt (perhaps in a soft shade of gardenia); make the belt and cuffs for the sweater in satin to match the skirt.

White is always a good colour for evening wraps, so by way of a change from the ubiquitous tulle shawl, knit yourself a white wool shawl and fringe it all the way round with bubbles. (Illustrated)

### Scatterpins:

Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that accessories, more than the most glamorous in the world, provide the keynote to individuality. They add extra sparkle even to the newest of new lines in dresses; and alternatively transform the humdrum black dress into something rich and rare: the glitter of jewellery on black velvet, flamingo pink or citrus yellow

cuff of the dress? (Illustrated) sparkle here: if you want to cover only the eyes. If you do this, you will be make the most of your eyes, (Illustrated) If you are wearing an honoured company veil them. For there is nothing like gilt jewellery, choose an of Lady Mayoresses, and more fascinating or sophisticated eye veil in gold net; if there are actresses. Strange advice for Christmas is the new 'visor' veil, which spangle your veil with sequins.



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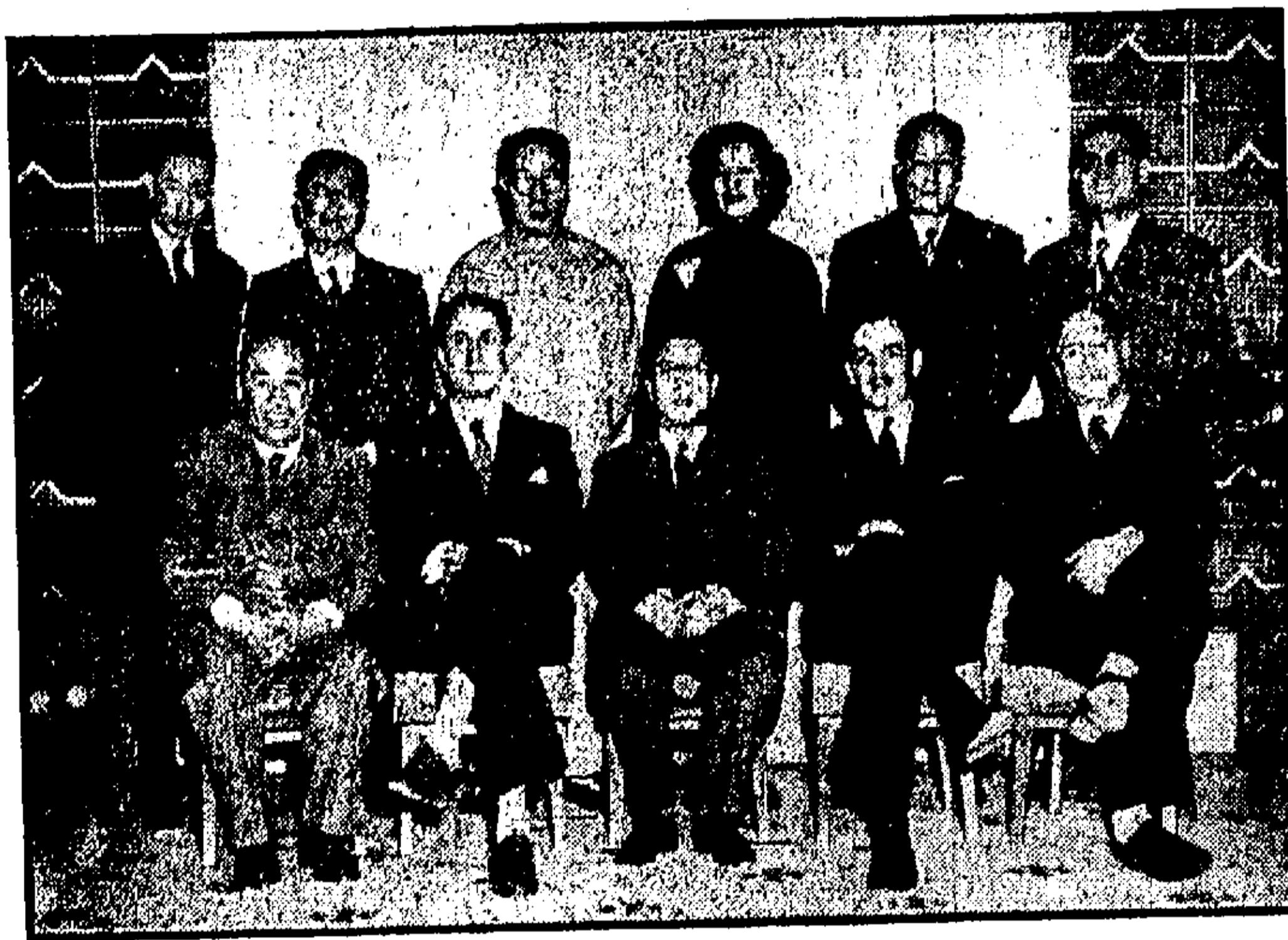
AT St John's Cathedral last Saturday, Miss Betty June Mansell became the bride of Lieut. Dudley George Reynolds. This picture was taken after the wedding ceremony, which was attended by a large gathering of friends. (Staff Photographer)



MISS Jeanette Ho, Mr Tien Ming-er and chorus in a scene from the opera, "La Traviata," presented by the Choral Group with great success during the week. (Staff Photographer)



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who officially opened the new building of the Ki Lap School in Wanchai on Monday, with the Rev. Fr. T. F. Ryan (left) and the Rev. Fr. Zilioli. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at a party given in honour of Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, head of the London Office of the Hongkong Government, by Mr Ko Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Front row, from left: Mr U Tat-chee, Mr W. P. Montgomery, Mr Ko, Mr Grimwood and Mr Shum Choy-wah. (Sun Ying Ming)



LIEUT. Ronald Cyril Walker and Lieut. Ruth Isobel Mitchell leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



THE May Hall hockey team, winners of the Hongkong University inter-hostel hockey championship. (Ming Yuen)



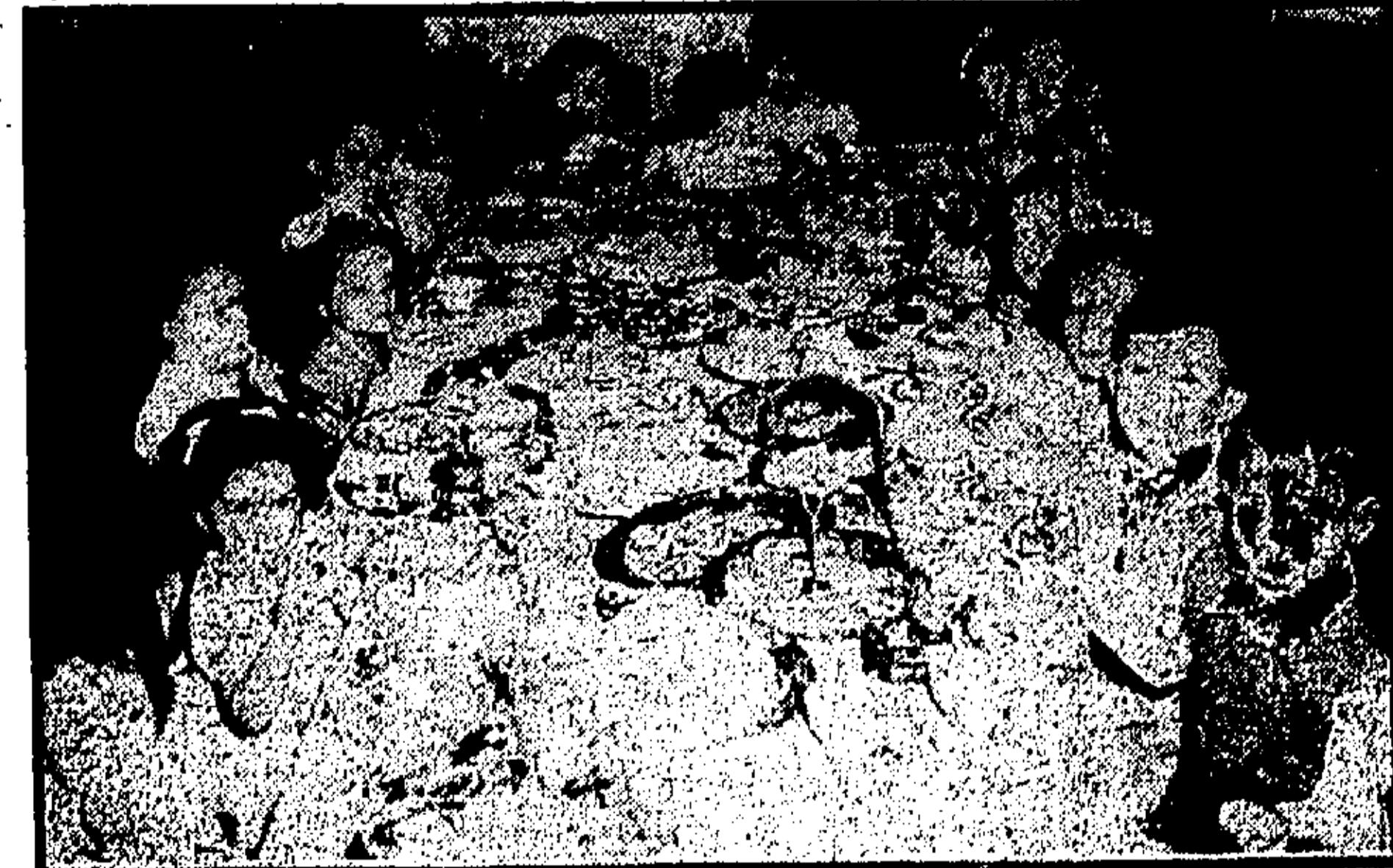
MR Norman Wu and his bride, formerly Miss Bessie Chow, pictured with friends after their wedding at the Registry last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at the annual rally of the Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack of the 7th Hongkong Scout Group.

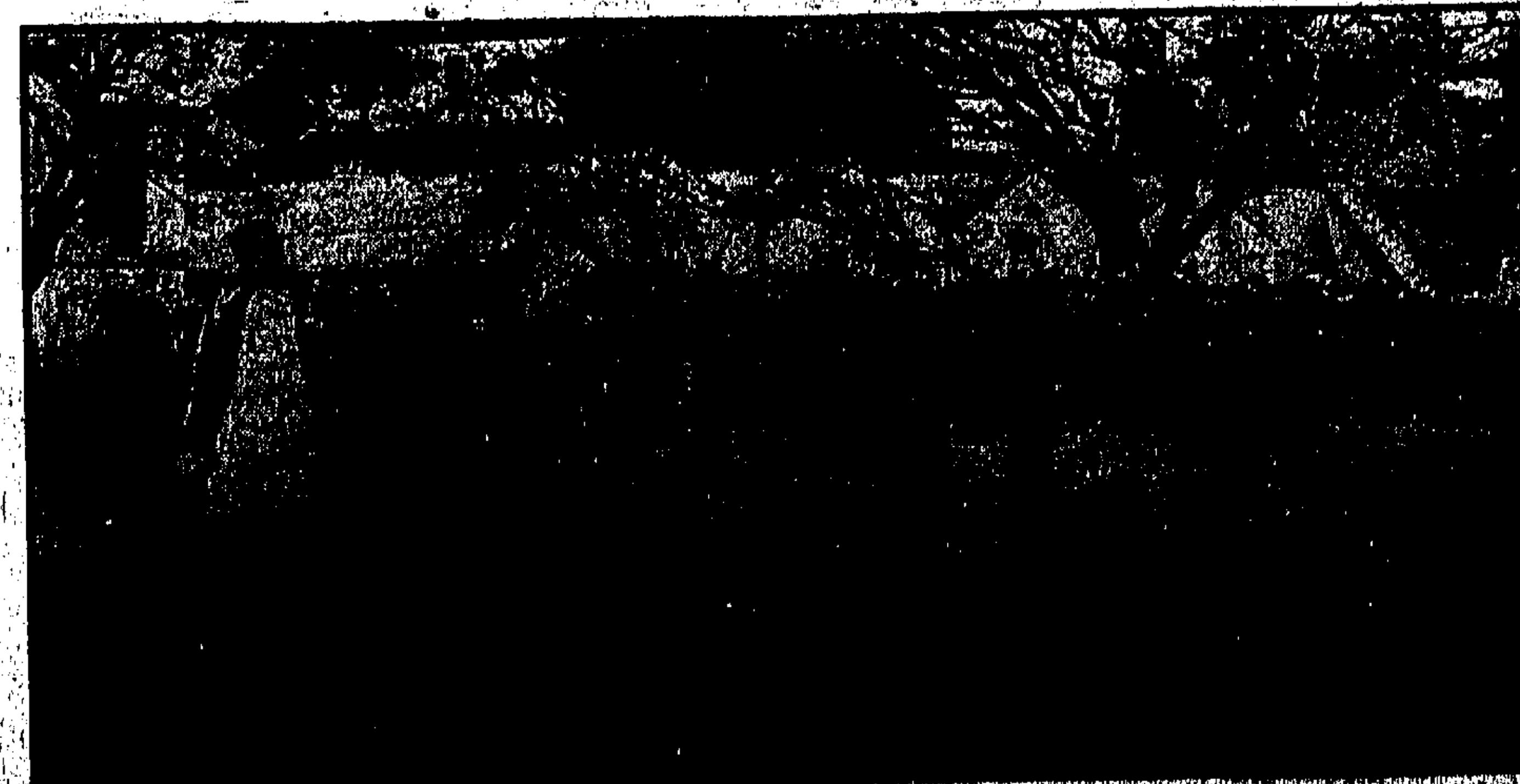


ONE of the many varied attractions at the annual bazaar of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, held in the grounds of St. Mary's School last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Sylvia Rose Picciotto, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Picciotto, celebrated her fifth birthday recently with a party for her friends. (Mayfair)

BELOW: At the Thanksgiving Service for the King's recovery, held at Whitfield Barracks last Sunday. The National Anthem was being played when picture was taken. (Ross Miller)



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THE first Secretary of State for the Colonies to visit Hongkong, the Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton (left), welcomed on his arrival at Kai Tak by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken on the occasion of the christening of Carole Jeanne, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs C. de Saille Robertson, which took place at St John's Cathedral last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: The lantern procession at the opening last week of the new building of the True Light School for Girls. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: 40 Infantry Division Provost Coy. team, winners of the Army inter-unit cookery competition. (Staff Photographer)



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MR Keith Granville, Sales Director of BOAC (right), with Mr J. Linstead, Far East manager, and Mrs Linstead at the cocktail party given in his honour at the Hongkong Hotel. (Staff Photographer)

MEMBERS of the Ordnance Rugby Club gave a dinner in honour of Lieut. D. J. McNabb, their coach, before he sailed for the United Kingdom. The guest of honour is seen standing seventh from left. (China Fleet Club Studio)



LEFT: Students of the Bellios Public School for Girls rendering a song at the annual prize day of the school last week. (Staff Photographer)



AT the cocktail party given in the Hongkong Hotel in honour of Mr Arthur M. Loew and Mr Orton Hicks, American film and theatre magnates. From left: Mr Paul Frillman, Mr Loew, Mr Chan Keung, MGM representative who was host, Mr Hicks and the U.S. Consul-General, Mr Walter P. MacConaughy. (Staff Photographer)

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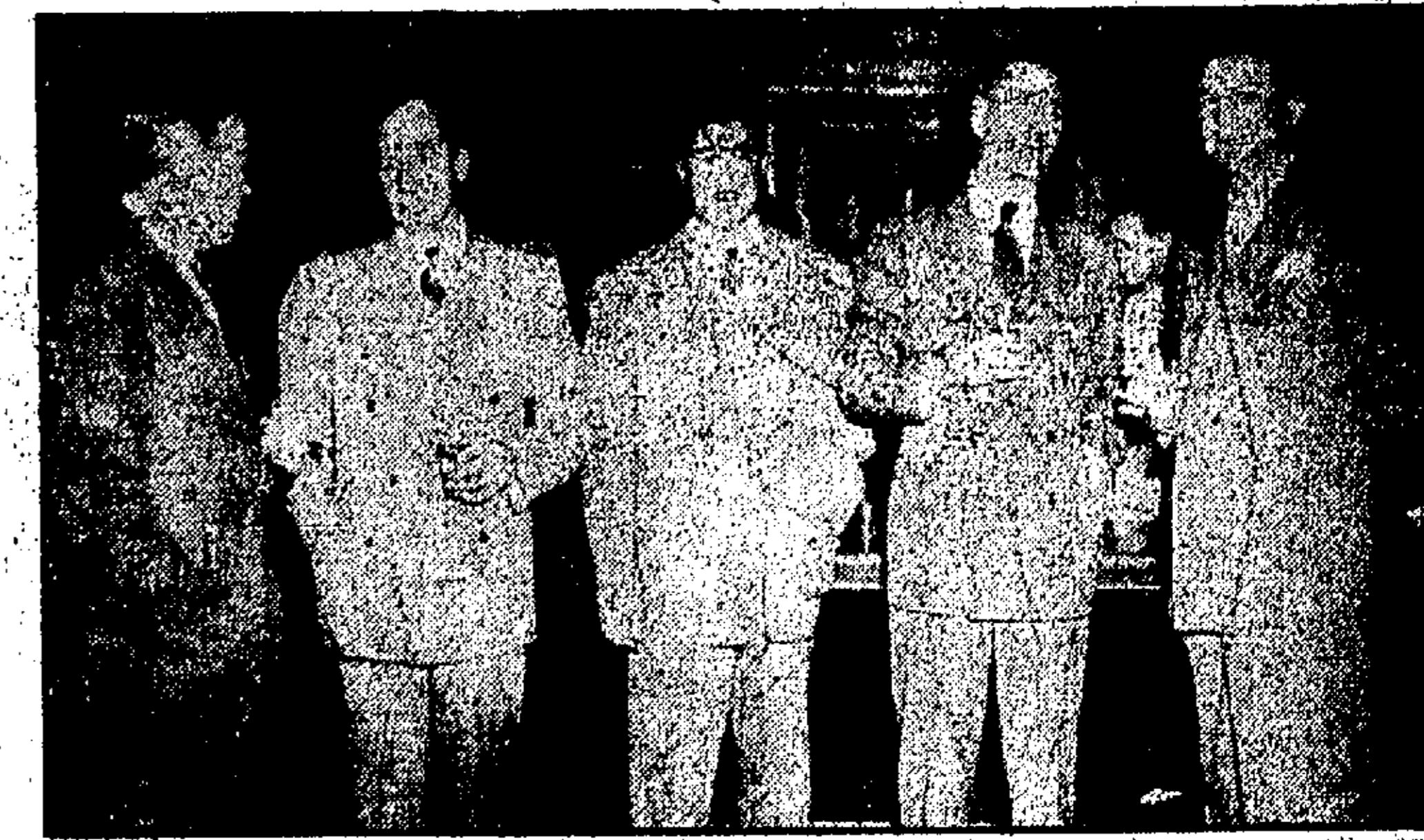
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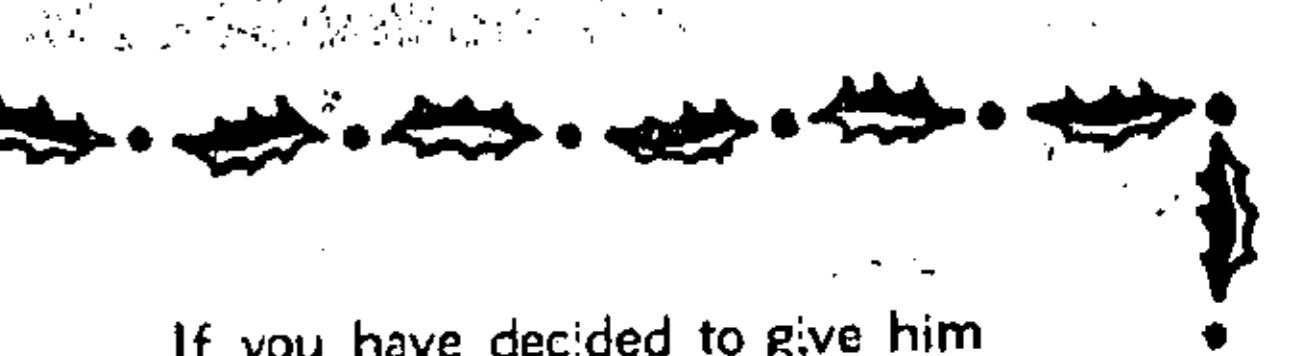
MR L. H. Hanson and Miss Aase Ramm, whose wedding took place at the Norwegian Seamen's Church last week, leaving the church after the ceremony. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Dr San Wai-lum and his bride, formerly Miss Lui Yuk-lan, whose marriage took place on Monday. (Willie's Inc.)



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# CHRISTMAS AT HOME

## Festive Time For Those "Extras"

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

**T**HE English Christmas, we are often told, consists in eating. But the rest of the world has surely, by now, copied England. Everywhere it is the time for little "extras" which for most of the year would be extravagant.

Commonplace flavours creep into the party fare, in English customs of food and drink, as souvenirs of a holiday abroad perhaps with a gift after the French or a cheese dish after the Swiss.

Here are a few suggestions for you if you would like to try out some of our Christmas party cooking.

### SWEETS

Arrange the party sweets attractively in dishes, so that guests can admire them before sampling.

#### Chocolate Truffles

6 oz. chocolate  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
cocoa

Melt chocolate and butter in top of double boiler. Add sugar and stir until the sugar is well blended. Add vanilla and if the mixture is too dry, add a little cream. It should be firm and moist enough to form into small balls. Roll the little balls in cocoa and place in individual candy paper.

#### Nutty Leaves

2 oz. hazelnuts  
1 oz. almonds  
3 oz. castor sugar  
1 heaped teaspoonful chocolate powder  
1 egg white  
A little ground rice

Cream sugar and butter; add yolk of egg and beat. Add milk, and ground almonds slowly. Beat until quite smooth. Add coffee essence or grated chocolate. Dip

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Here is a suggestion for an informal party:

#### Lemon Meringue Pie

6 oz. short-crust pastry  
1 oz. currants  
1/2 pint water  
Juice and grated rind of lemon  
4 oz. sugar  
1/2 oz. polka  
2 egg whites  
4 oz. sugar  
4 oz. cherries and angelica to decorate

Chop up nuts and mix them with all sugar and chocolate powder. Beat white of egg stiffly and add to nut mixture. Add enough ground rice to bind mixture to a paste. Roll out  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick, using ground rice to dust rolling pin and board. Stamp or cut into leaf shapes. Bake in slow oven, for about 20-25 minutes.

These will be invaluable to the cook-hostess, as they can be made in advance and served cold without any last-minute worry.

#### Gateau a la Francaise

1/2 lb sponge finger biscuits  
1/2 lb ground almonds  
1/2 lb butter  
1/2 lb castor sugar  
1 egg white  
1/2 pint milk  
Sherry  
Coffee essence or grated chocolate

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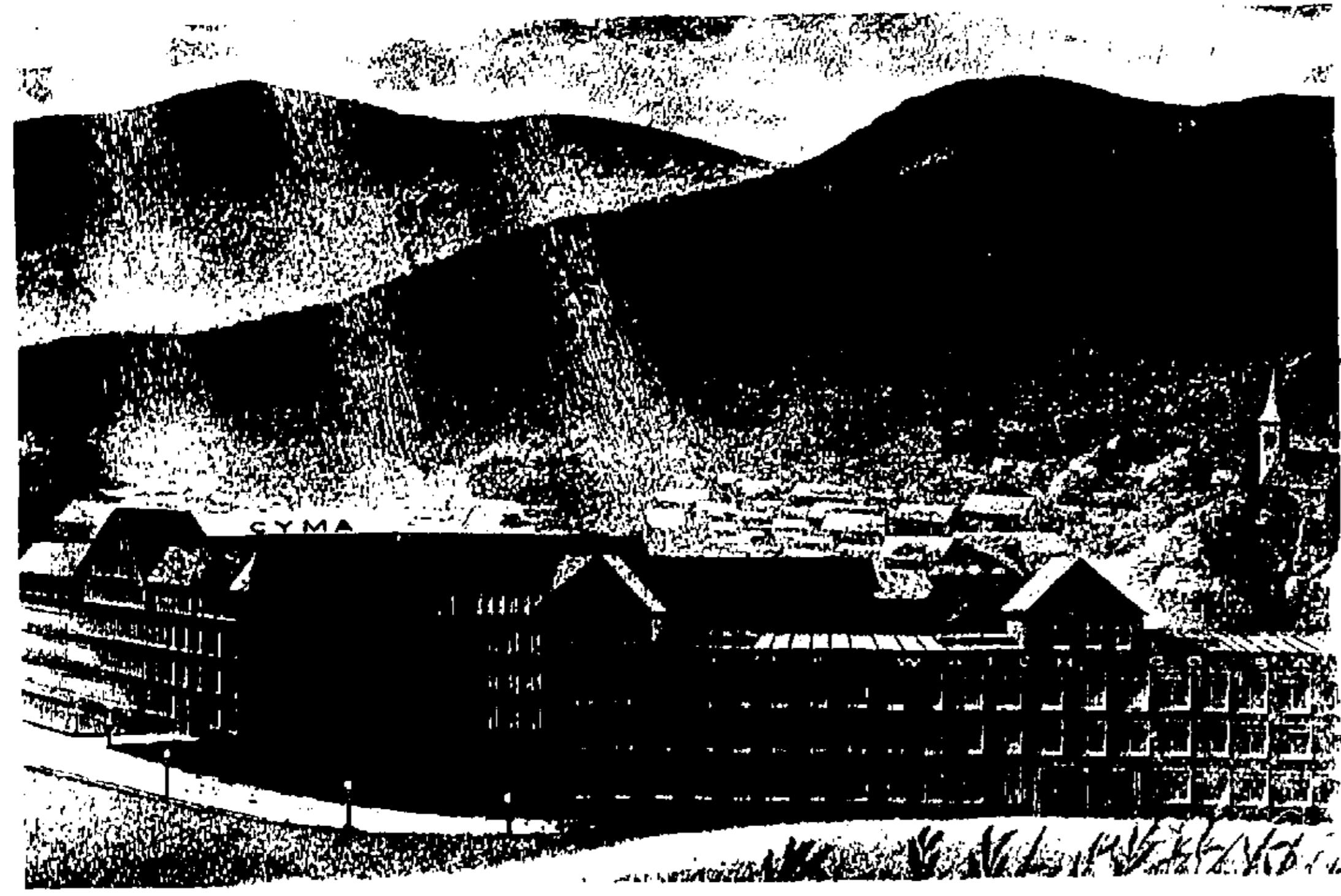
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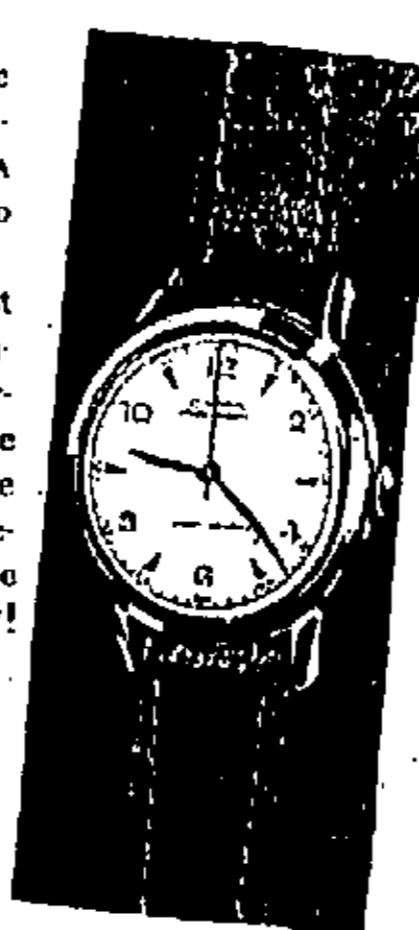
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### —THIS DREAM MEANS:

There doesn't seem to be any deep significance in this part of your dream, probably the play you've forgotten since the childhood. You have a feeling that people are unfriendly; a feeling of general irritation, vague resentment, and suppressed aggression about life generally. Some angry boy may have been troubling you recently and together with that aggression. It has probably come to the surface since your dream.

If you're feeling frustrated without quite knowing why, it may be that you need to list the possible reasons what you have done about them and what you propose to do. Sometimes a gesture or Western film or book will work on one's aggression a bit. Aggression that is not harmful to something will hurt either you or someone else.

## Shadow Portraits For Your Cards

BEFORE photography came into wide use, it was common practice to make likenesses in the form of small black cutouts pasted on a light background. These were known as silhouettes (after an eighteenth-century French Minister of Finance). They have gone out of fashion now—which is somewhat to be regretted, since they can be rather pleasing as Christmas portraits and they provide interesting work for anyone who is willing to take little trouble.

The method of making them is simple.

Seat your "subject" close to a wall on which a sheet of white paper has been fastened—the position being a side one so that a full profile picture results.

Now arrange a bright light in such a way that it shines straight on to "and past" the head of the person whose portrait is being made. The light should not be too near, or the edges of the resulting shadow may be blurred or show some distortion of features. When the black outline is as exact and as faultless as you can make it, mark it out carefully on the sheet of white paper.

This outline is approximately left-sized, and needs to be copied accurately and skilfully in much smaller form. To do this without difficulty and without losing likeness value, measure and rule squares on the outline paper; and then do the same on a small piece of stiff paper that has a good surface. By using the sides and corners of these squares—the number of which must, of course, be the same in both cases—you will be able to reduce the portrait faithfully.

When the best possible miniature copy has been made it should be very carefully cut with a small, sharp pair of scissors, or with the point of the blade of a good pocket-knife.

Finally, this small portrait should be evenly blackened with Indian ink and, when dry, mounted on card. To frame it, cover with a piece of glass or cellophane and bind with passe-partout edging.

## DANCING DAN'S CHRISTMAS

(Continued from Page 15)

Santa Claus as a very kindly old guy.

But, of course they do not know about Dancing Dan mixing the liquor we get in the spots we visit; with his Tom and Jerry, or he will unders and how even.

Well, finally we arrive in front of the place where Dancing Dan says Miss Muriel O'Neill and her grandmamma live, and it is a hilly but a tenement house not far back of Madison Square Gardens, and furthermore it is a walk-up and at this time there are no lights burning in the joint, except a gas jet in the main hall, and by the light of this jet we look at the names on the letter-boxes, such as you always find in the hall of these joints, and we see that Miss Muriel O'Neill and her grandmamma live on the fifth floor.

This is the top floor, and personally I do not like the idea of walking up five flights of stairs and I am willing to let Dancing Dan and Good Time Charley go, but Dancing Dan insists we must all go, and finally I agreed because Charley is commencing to argue that the right way for us to do is to get on the roof and let Santa Claus go down a chimney, and is making so much noise I am afraid he will wake somebody up.

ND it is not until I get out in the fresh air again that all of a sudden I remember seeing large headlines in the afternoon papers about a five-hundred G's pick-up in the afternoon of one of the biggest diamond merchants of Madison Lane while he is sitting in his office, and I also recall once hearing rumours that Dancing Dan is one of the best lone-hand ruff' em-up guys in the world.

I seems, Charley says, "this Shapiro is a tender-hearted guy, who is willing to help keep Gammer O'Neill with us a little longer when Doc Mogg says leaving the gifts with her will do it."

"So," Charley says, "everybody cannot figure anything except that maybe the rascal who took the gift from Shapiro's conscience stricken, and leaves them the first place he can, and Miss Muriel O'Neill receives a ten-G's reward for finding the gifts and reurning them. And," Charley says "I hear Dancing Dan is in San Francisco and is figuring on coming and becoming a dancing teacher so he can marry Miss Muriel O'Neill and of course," he says, "we hope and 'rus' she never learns any details of Dancing Dan's career."

Then one night I drop around to Good Time Charley's little speakeasy, and ask "Charley what is doing.

"Well," Charley says, "many things are doing and personally, this is nobody but Gammer O'Neill for a long time.

Finally he unslings the sack on his back, and takes out his package, and unties this package, and all of a sudden out pops a raft of big diamond bracelets, and diamond rings, and diamond brooches, and diamond necklaces and I do not know what all else in the way of diamonds, and Dancing Dan and I begin stuffing these diamonds into the stocking and Good Time Charley pitches in and helps us.

There are enough diamonds to he says, "I am greatly surprised a very, very obnoxious character fill the stocking to the muzzle; I do not see you a. Gammer indeed.

You know "Well, well, well," Shotgun tha, and I judge that Gammer Gammer O'Neill leaves this says, "the last time I see you is in fact, there are so many Time Charley says, "and," he Time Charley's joint and,"

Santa Claus can lose his temper.

Dancing Dan says, "you certainly have your diamonds that we have enough says, "Miss Muriel O'Neill states says, "I am greatly surprised a very, very obnoxious character

left over to make a nice little Doc Mogg claims it is at pots on."

"Well, Shotgun," I say, "I am sorry you get such a wrong impression of me, but the truth is,

Charley says, "by great happiness I say, "on the occasion you speak of, I am suffering from a dizzy

feeling in my head."

"It is all right with me," Shotgun O'Neill," Charley says, "Gammer O'Neill dies practically con-

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# Braves-Pandas Match Tomorrow Will Be A Pitching Duel

Says "GRANDSTAND"

*The Braves have started going into a war-dance to the steady tattoo of their tom-toms in readiness for the scuffle against the Pandas tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. while the Madcaps, who slipped a rung last week, will be all out to make up lost ground when they tangle with the Overseas in the afternoon.*

In the "B" Division, the Dodgers cross bats against the Baseballers for the cellar championship, while the Americans and Warriors, who are breathing down the necks of the league-leading Navy outfit, will fight tooth and nail for the inside track.

The Delawares — Blue Sox encounter, which was postponed recently, will be replayed this afternoon as the minor loop feature for the weekend.

After an absence of seven weeks, Charlie Figueiredo will lead his Braves into battle once more, and this time in a second round game against the Pandas whom they trimmed once before, but that was many moons ago.

The Tribe, having dropped two decisions in three starts, can ill afford another setback if they are to retain the confidence of their followers who are wondering if the cracks are showing up where the polish has worn off.

## BATTING RESHUFFLE?

Mentor Figueiredo, who has led the Tribe to two successive pennants, has been scouting the opposition for weaknesses, and has mapped out his strategy: accordingly and, just to be sure that the hits will count in the crucial spots, fans may see a reshuffle in the batting order.

Tony Osmund, who led the Bating Parade last year, has not had a single hit in his two appearances, while the other powerhouse sluggers seem to have lost their sting. The flock of faithful fans are hoping that the law of averages will tell in the long run.

The Pandas have been playing impressive ball recently and are by no means weak sisters at the plate, and in addition Coach C. C. Leung has plenty of reserve power in the pinch-hitting line.

The opposing hurlers will be Chappie Remedios for the Braves and Jackie Wei for the Pandas, and it seems the stage is set for a pitching duel with determination riding on every pitch.

A record crowd is expected to populate King's Park tomorrow and the importance of this game can be gauged from the fact that Umpire-in-Chief Don Robbins will be handing the plate assignment himself, with Bill Doyle and Eddie Marques as aides.

## MADCAPS v. OVERSEAS

Madcaps and Overseas both round the turn into the home-stretch when they clash in a return encounter in which Frank Poon is all set to avenge a previous 4-3 noseout early in the season.

With a 4-2 record in their favour, the Madcaps are favoured to win, but the Overseas are gambling on being able to solve the offerings of hurlers Kelly Silva-Netto and Joey Graca, who will probably share the Madcap mound chores.

## DELAWARES v. BLUE SOX

Some mighty fancy clouting should be seen in the Delawares-Blue Sox tussle with powerhouse hitters slugging both of the minor loop teams.

Tony Kwok and Frank Barros are the opposing masterminds, and although the Sox are out of the running for the flag, the Delawares still have a slim chance, but they must survive the coming encounter.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEKEND:

Today: 2.00 p.m. Delawares-Blue Sox; Wildfires-Aces; 3.30 p.m. South China-Griffins (Junior League); Squaws-South China (Ladies League).

Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Dodgers-Baseballers ("B" Division); 11.00 a.m. Braves-Dodgers (Junior); 12.30 p.m. Pandas

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## Test For The Victorians Tomorrow

Victorians meet the Widgets at Sookupoo tomorrow afternoon, bully-off at 2.30 p.m., in the most interesting game of the Ladies' Hockey League.

The Widgets' much improved forward line will be up against the best defence in the League and a lot of work will have to go into any goal.

The main battle will be between the two half-back lines, with the Victorians holding a good deal of edge. Well-fed Victorian wings should cause the Widgets a good deal of worry and if the Victorian attack can blow from all sides, theirs will be the victory.

A closed-up game should see the Widgets at an advantage and they have the initial advantage of more cohesion in their forward line. Their forwards work in a W formation and it is already a very understanding W formation.

Widgets hold a better record (2-4 against Gremlins and 1-1 against Little Flowers) than the Victorians (1-3 against Gremlins and 1-1 against Little Flowers) and have lost their "second best" complex.

## GOAL-HEARTENED

Gremlins meet the University at Boundary Street at 3.15 p.m. and are up against a goal-heartened forward line. Four of the University forwards scored in their last match, and that is enough to make any forward line more confident.

King George V School "A" meet the Little Flowers on the same ground an hour earlier and are unlikely to run into a riot of goals. The Little Flowers, having already held the Victorians to a draw, cannot be underestimated.

Dorians will be strengthened in their forward line by the return to the game of the former St. Andrew's star, Phyllis Bliss, who will lead the attack against Recreio at the latter's ground tomorrow afternoon, bully-off at 2.30 p.m.

Dorians should score one or two goals against Recreio, but they cannot yet stand up against Recreio's all round strength and should lose by a margin of something like 5-2. By the time the second round of the League series comes, they should be no pushover for any team.

## NOTICE

## KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

## Christmas Dance

K.C.C. members are reminded that the annual Christmas dance will be held at the clubhouse on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## K.S.L.I. Dance Band.

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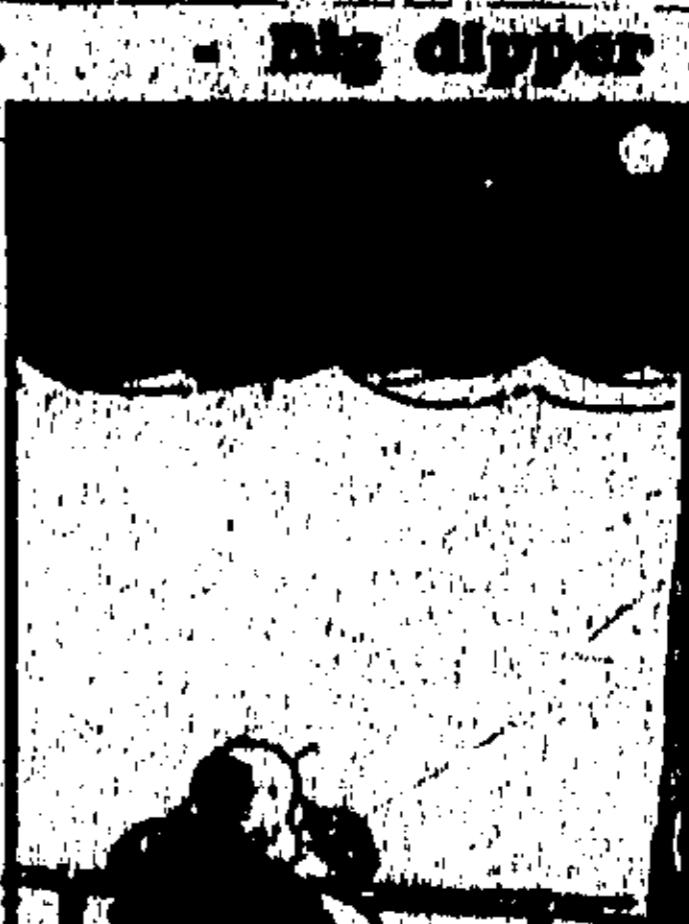
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Saturday 8th &amp; Saturday 15th December, 1951.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day.

There are 8 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (16 in all).

Through Tickets for the 2nd Day (at \$16.00 each) may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce of the Memorial Cup" 1952.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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or

302 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules— Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light and/or a white sphere at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

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Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment will NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE**

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffs will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1. Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

**SERVANTS' PASSES**

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,  
H. W. W.,  
Secretary.**THE CAMBOLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY . . . By Reg Appleby****SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES RESUME THIS AFTERNOON**

By "SPIV"

The local Soccer League games resume again this afternoon after a lapse of a couple of weeks taken up by the matches against the visiting Indian team and the Challenge Shield Competition.

With only an average of three more matches per club to be played before the first round concludes, the First Division League will mainly see the leading teams, South China, Army, Kowloon Motor Bus, Kitchee and Sing Tao trying to maintain their positions against the lower ranking Clubs before the second round begins. Short of upsets being produced, the League standings should remain the same.

The postponement of the RAF versus Army match, originally set for this afternoon, on account of manoeuvres, has taken out the main match for this afternoon, leaving only two First Division games, that between Kwock Wah and Club, and that between St. Joseph's and Navy.

Club did extremely well last week, when they held Army to only a one-nil score in the Challenge Shield match and with the improvement shown are expected to give the more favoured Kwock Wah a good run. Navy have till to score a win this season, but it will probably be too much to expect of them to get their first point at the expense of St. Joseph's.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**

A little more interesting will be Sunday's matches, particularly the games between Kowloon Motor Bus and Police at Boundary Street, and between Sing Tao and Eastern at Club ground.

Police, after winning the Stanley Shield, have not done anything notable as yet, but at their best may yet be capable of an upset should the busmen take any chances.

Sing Tao gave a magnificent display last Saturday when they eliminated the holders of the Challenge Shield, South China, in the first round, and being at their peak form at the moment are not expected to be

**Third Division**

RAF v. Waylooing (Navy C.B., 4 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v. Navy (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

The match between RAF and Army has been postponed.

**Second Division League****Third Division**

ENR v. Aces (Navy C.B., 4 p.m.)

Rediffusion v. CMB (Navy C.B., 4 p.m.)

The match between C. & W. and University has been postponed.

**TOMORROW****First Division**

KMB v. Police (Boundary St., 4 p.m.)

Sing Tao v. Eastern (Club, 4 p.m.)

Kitchee v. CAA (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

**Second Division**

Solicitors v. Police (Boundary St., 2.30 p.m.)

Sing Tao v. Dockyard (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Kitchee v. CAA (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

**DAVIS CUP PROBLEMS FACE U.S.**

By Lance Tingay

Lawn-tennis "giants" of Wimbledon have gathered "Down under." At Melbourne in mid-December Sweden plays the United States in the inter-zone final of the Davis Cup. Winners go immediately after Christmas to the White City Stadium, Sydney, to challenge Australia for the Cup.

Who holds the key to the 1951 Davis Cup?

**U.S. PROBLEM**

The Americans do not quite know where they stand. Frank X. Shields, the captain, has the task of deploying more strength but less genius than usual.

In winning the American Zone, the U.S. experimented with six different singles players and three different doubles pairs—and still did not find what they were seeking.

Shields has to find a Challenge-round side from Wimbledon champion Dick Savitt, terrific there but not so good elsewhere; immaculate Vic Seixas, who was crushed by Australia's Frank Sedgman at Forest Hills; the up-and-coming but inexperienced Tony Trabert, and Ted Schroeder, Wimbledon champion of 1949. Schroeder appeared in Australia "out of the blue" keen to make up for his failure in 1950.

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## The Midnight Bell

**A Christmas Story by Anne Barrett**

HERE were four of them in the field, Silver the grey mare with Quicksilver, the foal, Kitty the newcomer, a ivy black pony and, down in the corner, the little dun coloured donkey to whom nobody had ever bothered to give a name.

The foal had been born in May when the first was soft and springy, he was eager and inquisitive and would gallop back from all corners of the field to nuzzle his master and jerk up her neck with his head asking her the meaning of each new thing he saw.

Broad and leisurely he strong shoulders beat to the sweet grass his mother would lift her head slowly and reply often as not in the same words. "One day you will learn wisdom, my son."

At first Quicksilver delighted to play with the donkey, capering round her and poking at her rough, soft sides with his head, standing close beside her like a shadow when their playing was done. The donkey would frisk away on her little hooves and

then stand waiting for the next invitation looking at Quicksilver with gentle eyes. When Kitty came all this was altered.

The conkey had been bought for the farmer's children to ride but they soon grew too leggy for herubby sides and far too impatient to endure her jogging paces. On the eldest boy's birthday Kitty had appeared in the field, brisk and shining with a glossy new saddle and then on the baby, still in his woolly leggings, was the only one who would scramble up the patient dun coloured flanks and bundle along behind the others.

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That birthday was a morning never to be forgotten. As the young master trotted and cantered the new pony round the field, Quicksilver threw up his heels in excitement and mad wild galloping rushed in all directions, stopping dead with all four feet planted firm, his

nostrils and the white hairs on his chin quivering. When the saddle was off and the children had gone home, he timidly approached the stranger, who was napping in the sunset. After that he played with the donkey no more.

Kitty's talk was all of something splendid and mysterious that happened when the leaves turned yellow and the first light frost silvered the ground; when men put on scarlet coats and rode away over the country leaping walls and hedges and ditches as they went. She would sniff the full summer air as she spoke, as though she could imagine the scent of frost on it

the answer came faintly back from across the fields.

"Donkeys stay out in the winter!" said Kitty scornfully. "It's only we who have splendid stables where the wind doesn't blow and have bundles of hay and oats brought to us instead of cropping on the frozen grass."

For just a moment Quicksilver thought sadly of his old companion but soon his thoughts

were flying off again.

Wild with excitement the foal was away and across the field to ask his mother, she stopped cropping and raised her head.

"Where does he live? Shall I ever see him?"

"In the earth and the sky, in men and beast," and then she went back to her old words, "the night you will learn wisdom, my son."

It was two days later that he heard the bells again, far in the snow laden air. They rang and rang, first from one village and then from another, rang as the children came laughing up the drive with branches of holly, and rang as the red sun went down. They were ringing as people came in the dusk with lanterns to sing in front of the house and ringing still as the last of them went home and the lights in the houses went out one by one.

"Why do they ring so much?" asked Quicksilver impatiently, his breath hung in silvery wreaths on the air, for there was a strange feeling of excitement about.

"For the King of the World's birthday," answered his mother.

"It must have been a very

splendid pageant where He was

born, bigger even than the

master's, surely all made of

gold! Shall I ever see that?"

The foal whinnied with excitement.

**Measuring himself**

From then on he spent many

hours measuring himself against

the floor of his stable, anxiously

watching the size of his slowly

increasing hoofmarks in the soft

earth by the door, looking for

the silver hairs that came thicker

and thicker through his lead

coloured coat.

On the days when there was

no hunting there was always

the master to look at, working

in the yard. It seemed to

Quicksilver, watching mystified,

that he must be lord of every-

thing, of the sacks of grain that

were brought and emptied at his

direction, of the cows and sheep

that were led by for his inspec-

tion, of the birds that were held

up for him to examine. Most

wonderful of all was the strange

machine that lived in another

stable in the yard and which, at

a touch of his finger, would

spring into quivering life and

bring him away.

"Is he king of the earth?"

the foal asked his mother.

She shook her head.

"Not even of England, but

just of this farm."

Quicksilver marvelled, then

quickly forgot, for very next day the hunt was to meet

at the farm again and once

more he could compare himself

with the wonderful creatures,

to see if he had grown.

As his rolling, anxious eyes

looked out at the sky he saw

that it lightened; there was

something that glowed upon

the far horizon and then rose

behind the naked trees to shine

in the heavens. It was a star,

brighter than any that had

been in the sky before. As he

looked at it a strange wild

longing filled him, to follow

something, to go somewhere;

he knew not what nor where.

Suddenly, as if the dawn had

come, the farmyard cock started

to crow and, as though at a

signal, all round him the heavy

doors swung open, doors of

stable and byre and sty; the

big door of the yard beyond

them. Lit by the soft light from

the sky, in solemn procession

the creatures came out, their

footsteps muffled in the snow.

The great bull swung his heavy

shoulders as he padded down

the drive, the cows picked their

way behind him; sheep and pigs

and all the inhabitants of the

farmyard followed, after with

the farm dog walking silently

at their heels. Quicksilver

walked close behind his

mother through the gate and

into the drive, past the long

field where he'd played in sum-

mer, out of the big gates and

down to the village, white from

all sides newcomers, padding

softly down the lanes, joined

the procession.

"Does it belong to a king?"

"To the king of England,"

said the mare, and he watched

as the postman got down from

the van and the children came

running out to get their parcels,

carrying them away piled high

in their arms.

"Shall I see him one day?"

"Only if you become a chanc-

cellor, a hunter and are ridden in

such a quiver of pride that he never

noticed how he was led into

the snow."

The beasts ahead were passing through the open gates, onto the square of grass in front of the church. Quicksilver slipped in behind his mother and through the swaying backs and horns in front of him he could see that the wide door of the church was open and that from it a soft light glowed out onto the snow. He tried to push forward but his mother pressed him back, and then it seemed that all the beasts moved backwards too, flank against shoulder and shoulder against flank, till there was a clearing up the centre of the path, towards where the light shone out.

The foal stared at the

King of the world

"Mother! What's that?" He moved restlessly till his head was near to hers, his ears pricked forward. The sound rang on, echoing across the wild earth and through the winter trees.

"Bells for the king?" asked Quicksilver; it seemed that only for a king could there

be such a lovely sound.

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## Myth, Fact, And Rumour Round The Christmas Tree

Although it is generally agreed that the Royal Family actually started the tradition of Christmas trees in Britain, the various sources of information have agreed to differ as to just which monarch's reign witnessed the innovation. One believes it was introduced by a member of the household of Queen Caroline, George IV's wife, and that "it immediately became popular," while another holds that "the old English custom of the Christmas tree was new and German a hundred years ago." This was when Albert, the Prince Consort, had a tree decorated at Windsor Castle for his first Christmas in 1840 England, and the same source says rather vaguely that "by 1845, many English families had copied the Royal custom."

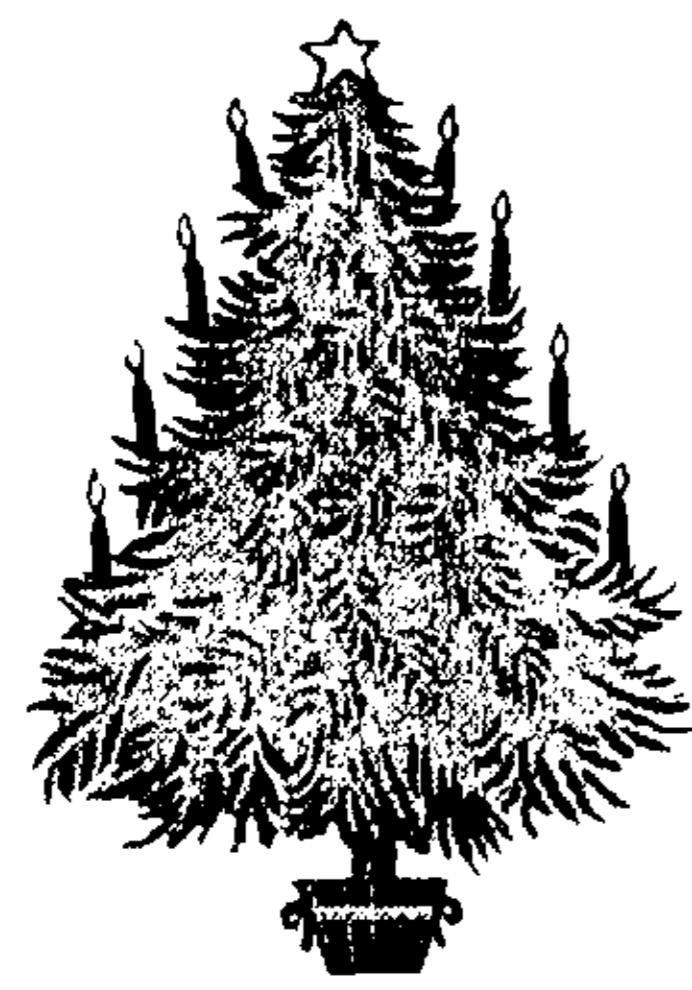
It is a known fact, however, that the home of the

Christmas tree cult was nestled with tree worship. A myth credits Wilfred of England with substituting a young fir as the Tree of the Christ Child for Thor's Thunder Oak while he was on a missionary journey through the great Thuringia Forest.

Christmas trees were banned in Russia in 1929, in Italy in 1935, in Greece in 1937, in Rumania—because they were "non-Rumanian"—in 1938, and in Germany itself for the sake of economy, in 1943. 1944 saw the Portuguese newspapers demanding that this "pagan custom" be banned. The Bolsheviks have been able plausibly to condemn Christmas trees on the grounds that they are Christian, and the Fascists are pagan! It would seem that the cult, in non-English-speaking countries, is a dying one.

grown in England till the Importation of Elm Trees and Conifers (Prohibition) Order in 1933.

The origin of the cult is a pagan one, probably con-



## STEW MUCH TO EAT

By Lee Priestley

"JAMBALAYA, burgoo, pouliash, courtbouillon, bouillabaisse, minestrone," pilaf, curry chow suey, mulligan..."

No, it isn't the formula for a magic spell. Those are some of the many kinds of stew made and eaten in all parts of the world.

Practically every country as well as many smaller regions and districts has developed a characteristic version of the good, rib-sticking food that is a mixture of meats and vegetables "stewed" together for a long time. Stews may be thick or thin, rich or economical, but they are always good eating.

You can eat your way around the world on stews alone. Jambalaya, a thick stew with rice as its main ingredient and made savory with shrimp or ham or oysters or all three together, is commonly found on the family tables in the American South. Burgoo is often cooked out of doors in Kentucky in great iron pots fusing chicken and squirrel and beef with many vegetables into a mouth-watering mess.

GOULASH is a Hungarian stew rich with garlic and colourful with paprika that is



Near East. The Orient developed the exotic curry which probably comes nearest to perfection in Singapore. There the glorified stew served over rice, combines meat with pungent spices and strange ingredients such as peanuts, raisins, pine-apple, and "Bamboo Duck," which is a finely fish concoction.

CHOP SUEY is supposed to be a Chinese stew, but travellers say it is unknown there and was actually invented in the United States. But like possibly more authentic Chinese food chop suey is savory and delicious as it combines meat with rice, bean sprouts and soy bean sauce.

You can round off your "Cook's tour" of stews with mulligan, a name given to any of the casual stews that hobos brew over camp fires. A close relation of mulligan stew are the dripping kabobs that Boy Scouts concoct by stringing bits of meat and vegetables on sticks and roasting them together.

If you still aren't overfed, you could sample some of the less well known regional stews of the United States. There's oyster stew, New Brunswick stew, Irish stew, Hunter's stew, and a hundred others.

Stew much for you?

eaten over noodles or dumplings. Courtbouillon and bouillabaisse as you have probably guessed are common foods in France. The first is usually made with one kind of fish and several vegetables, while the famous bouillabaisse contains almost everything a fisherman can catch in a net or on a hook.

Minestrone, thick with macaroni? Italy, of course. Pilaf is only one of a large family of stews made from mutton and eaten everywhere in Turkey and the

United States. There's the oyster stew, New Brunswick stew, Irish stew, Hunter's stew, and a hundred others.

Stew much for you?

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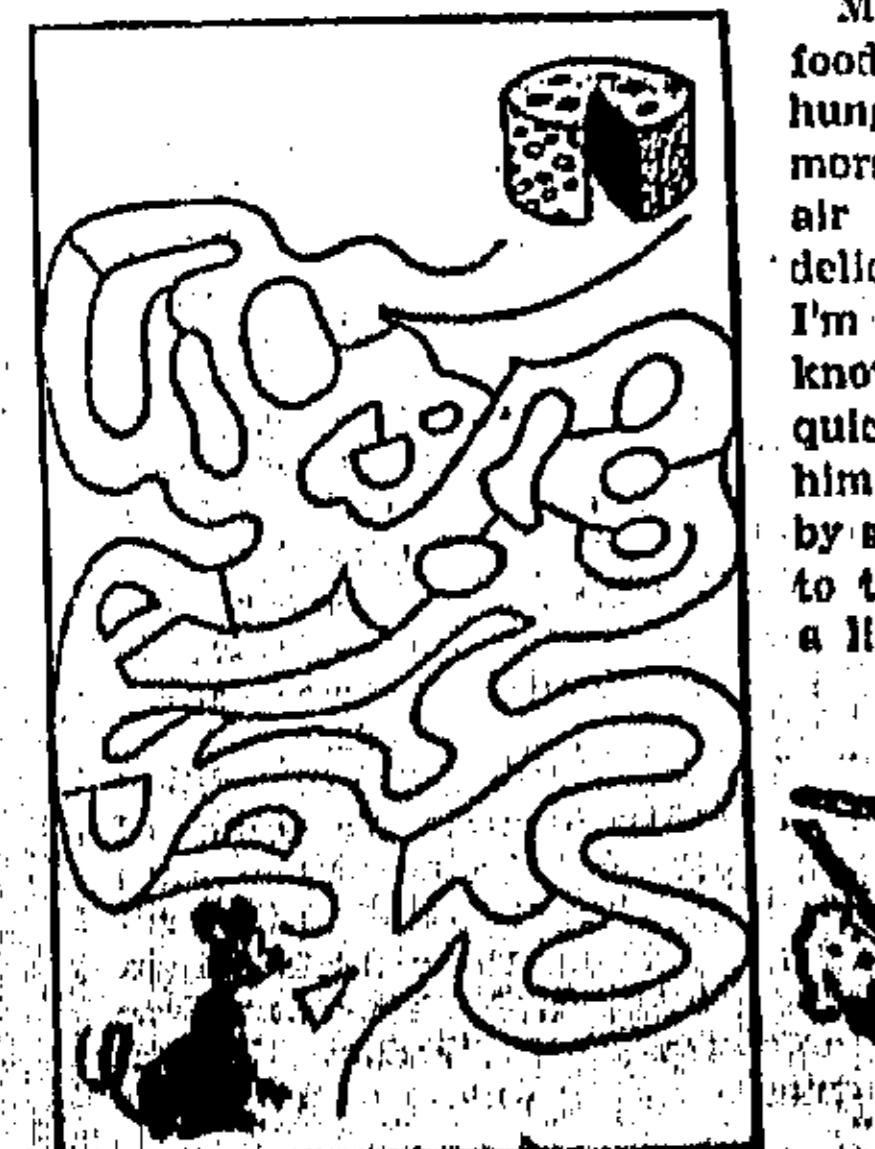
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## Marty's Cheese

BY AL KARALFA

Marty Mouse had been without food all day and was very hungry. While searching for a morsel, he suddenly sniffed the air and thought "That's a delicious aroma of cheese, but I'm so weak from hunger I don't know if I can get to its source quickly enough." Can you help him out of his starving condition by showing him the shortest way to the cheese, remembering that a line stops your path?



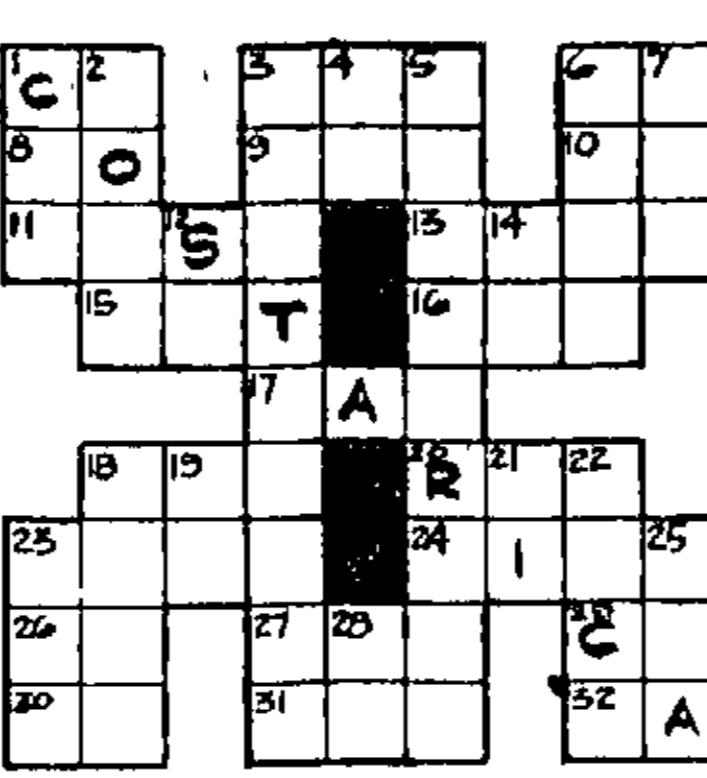
## Rupert and the Lion Rock—10



As he reaches the lower water, Rollo goes cautiously. Telling Rupert to be quite quiet, he stops and listens and keeps a sharp look out. At length they reach the willow bushes. "What's that?" "I don't know," breathes Rollo. "I'll see the men on it and lie down and let's go."

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## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Court (ab.)
- 3 Medical man (coll.)
- 6 Musical note
- 8 Hawaiian bird
- 9 Artificial language
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- 11 Fling
- 13 Part of the face
- 15 Lani parcel
- 16 Group of matched pieces
- 17 Cereal grain
- 18 Pronoun
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- 23 Closed hand
- 24 Japanese native
- 26 On leave (ab.)
- 27 Silkworm
- 29 Cases (ab.)
- 30 East side (ab.)
- 31 Put on
- 32 Babylonian deity

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- 1 Folding bed
- 2 Implement
- 3 Twisted
- 4 Natural power
- 5 Force
- 6 Endure
- 7 Malt beverage
- 12 Thus
- 14 Whirlwind
- 18 Luonates
- 19 We
- 21 Two (Roman)
- 22 One time
- 23 Enemy
- 25 Free country (ab.)
- 28 Universal language

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## Punch's Mysterious Visitor

—The Toys Wanted to Know Who It Was—

By MAX TRELL

"CERTAINLY," Mr Punch was saying to someone over the telephone. "Of course I will! No indeed, I won't tell anybody! I'll be a secret. Yes, I understand. You're coming right down? I'll make sure that no one in the house sees you! Fine! Good-bye!"

Mr Punch hung the receiver on the hook. Then he looked around very cautiously to make sure that no one had overheard him. "Oh!" he suddenly exclaimed.

For there, right behind Mr Punch's chair and listening to every word that he had said, were Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. Behind Knarf and Hanid were Teddy the Stuffed Bear, and General Tin the tin soldier. And behind them were Purr-Purr the black kitten, and Pooh-Pooh the white poodle.

Mr Punch scowled. "I thought I was alone," he said.

### Heard Every Word

"Oh, no, Mr Punch!" said Hanid gaily. "We're all here. And we heard every word you said."

"And we'd like to know," said Knarf, "whom you were just talking to?"

At this General Tin, Pooh-Pooh, Purr-Purr and Teddy all shouted that they also wanted to know.

"Sorry," said Mr Punch. "I can't tell you."

"Why not?" asked Teddy.

"Because it's a secret. And furthermore," Mr Punch went on, "he's coming here right away, and I promised that no one would see him come."

Everyone thought this was very foolish. "We're all going to wait right here, Mr Punch. We're going to look and see who it is. So you might just as well tell us right now!" said General Tin.

At that moment there was a knock on the door.

"Here he is! Go away all of you!" ordered Mr Punch.

But no one would move.

Now Mr Punch didn't know what to do. Suddenly he said: "If I tell you who it is, later, will you go away now? I can't break my promise to my visitor. I promised no one would see him."

The knock on the door was repeated.

"But I'll ask his permission to tell you who he is. Only go

away now!" Mr Punch, while he was saying this, had started walking toward the door. He now stood with his hand on the knob, ready to open it. But first he wanted the others to go away. "If you don't go away," he added, "I'll tell my visitor that you're all here, and he won't come in at all."

Everyone then said that they would go away. They promised not even to look. "But please do get his permission," pleaded Hanid. "We know it must be somebody important."

They all went away.

### Opened the Door

The instant they were gone, Mr Punch opened the door. In walked a very tall, very fat man with rosy cheeks and a white beard. He was dressed all in red.

"Come in, my dear friend—do come in and make yourself comfortable. I had a little trouble just now. Knarf and Hanid and Teddy and General Tin and Purr-Purr and Pooh-Pooh all wanted to know who you were. I didn't tell them."

Mr Punch's visitor smiled.

"Well," he said, "I don't suppose there's any real harm in telling them who I am after I'm gone. I'm just going to stay a minute or two anyway. I simply wanted to know if everyone in this house has been good."

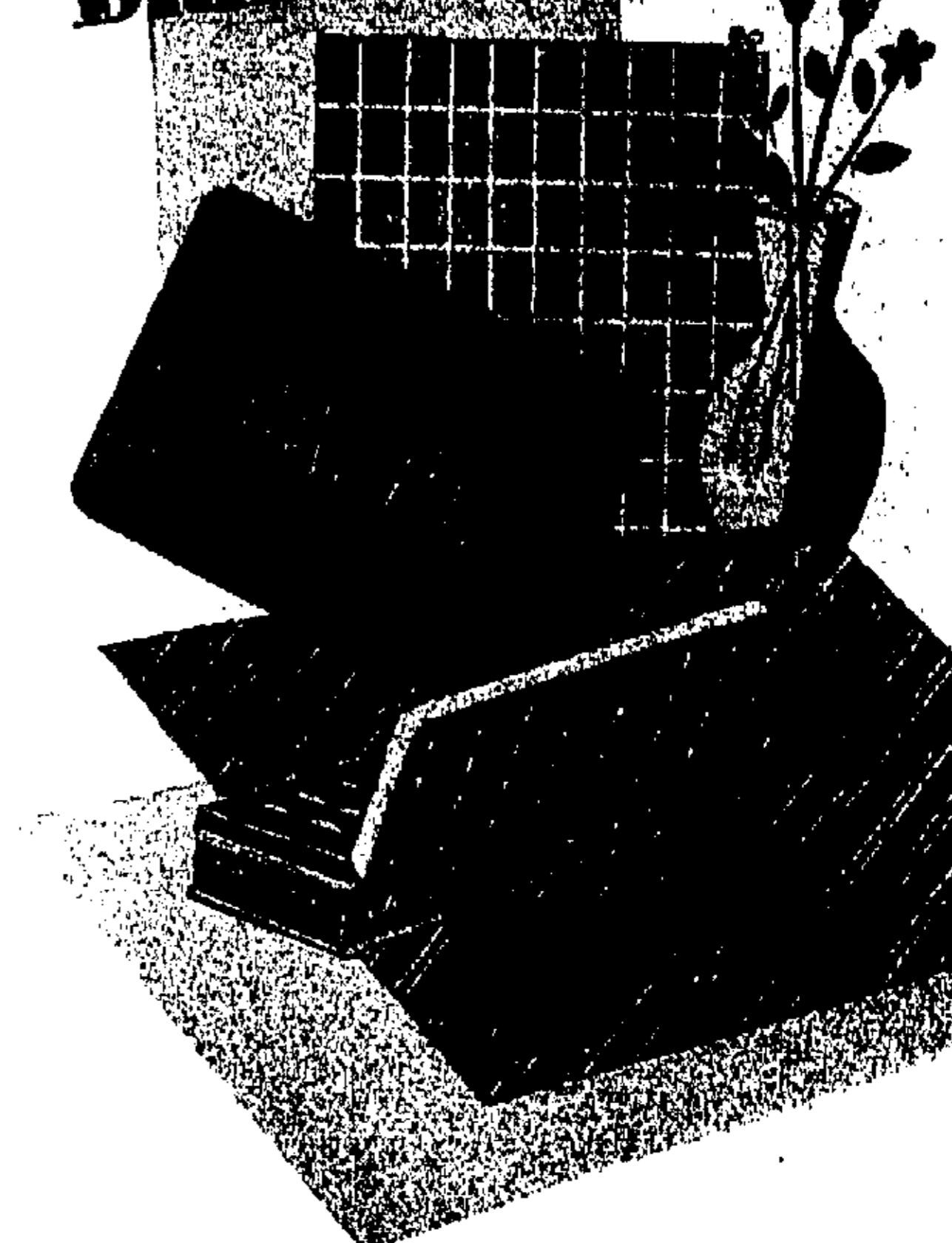
"Oh yes!" replied Mr Punch; "very good—very good indeed!"

Mr Punch's visitor smiled, wrote something down in a book which he took out of his coat pocket, and then started for the door again. "I've got a lot more calls to make. You can tell everyone in the house that they'll be hearing from me on Christmas. And now you can tell them who I am. Good-bye!"

And when the others came back into the room, Mr Punch said: "It was Santa Claus. Now are you satisfied?" But they weren't at all. They all wished they could have seen him.

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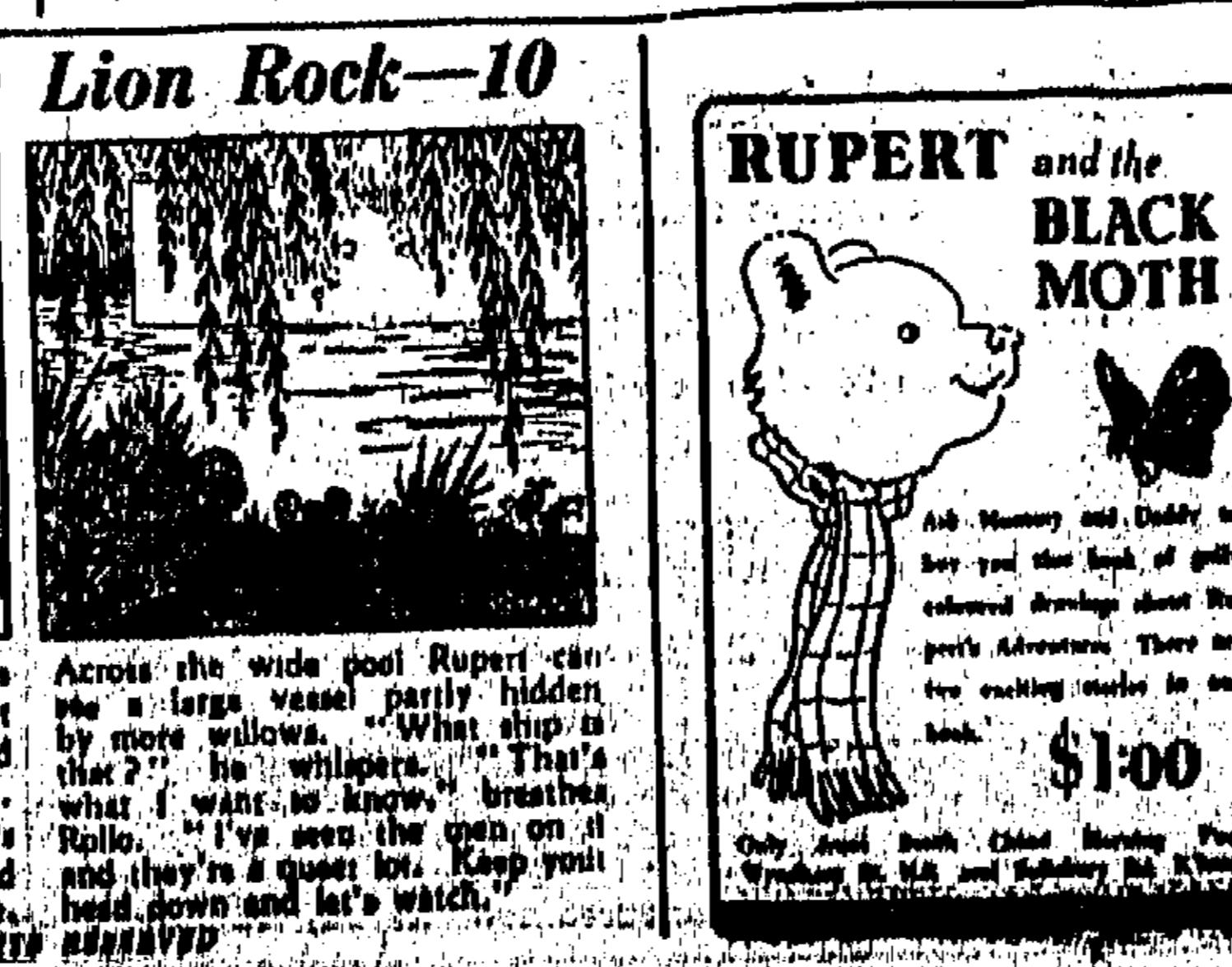
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A man left a 25 note on his desk. Later it had vanished. In the interval two people only had access to the note—his butler and his housemaid.

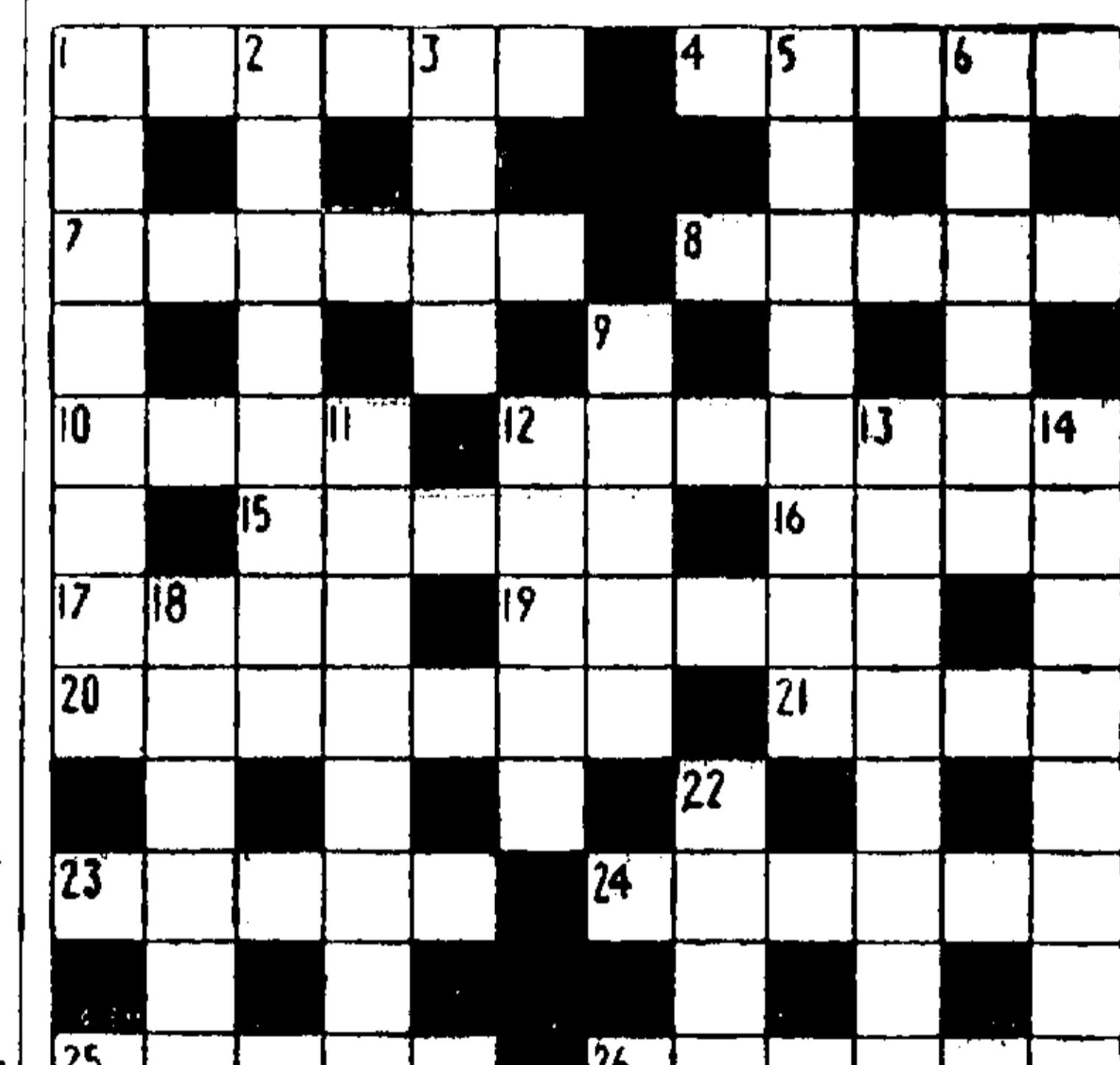
The maid told him: "I saw the note, and, for safety, folded it up and placed it under the red book on your desk." The man looked under the book, but there was no 25 note.

The butler next told him: "Yes, sir. I found it yesterday when I was on a job... pulling down one of them old houses, you know."

**PROBLEM:** Who stole the 25 note? And what evidence was there of guilt?

**SOLUTION:** The butler stole the note. The evidence against him was that the pages of books are normally numbered with the even numbers on the left and the odd numbers on the right-hand page.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- Combat (6)
- Confuse (6)
- Vegetable (6)
- Jelly (5)
- Egress (4)
- Much liked (7)
- Part of a staircase (5)
- Weary (4)
- Responsibility (4)
- Benefit (5)
- Put back (7)
- Coagulate (4)
- Condition (5)
- Motto (6)
- Joyous (5)
- Extreme dislike (6)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 3 Scatters, 8 Plaice, 9 Admonish, 11 Discreet, 12 Tore, 13 Tepid, 18 Tunas, 19 Chin, 22 Militant, 24 Revealed, 25 Settle, 26 Harmless. Down: 1 Spade, 2 Harsh, 3 Scarlet, 4 Cede, 5 Trot, 6 Exiled, 7 Scheme, 10 Melon, 14 Pupil, 15 Resides, 16 Scorch, 17 Silver, 20 Party, 21 Utter, 22 Mail, 23 Less.

If the solution does not come to 3876 some one is not telling the truth!

Woman, thy name is vanity!

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**WHAT** about this one? Do you know it?

A man was employed to paint the hands of Big Ben. He was given 16 lbs. of paint for the job. He found that the large hand required 3 lbs. and the small hand 1 lb. of paint. How much paint had he left over when he had

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"TIJBADEK"	17th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Bell	
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"JIJUWAN"	11th Feb.	Singapore, Java & Macassar	
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ON BRIDGEIf You Want to Win  
Get A Good Defence

By OSWALD JACOBY

MANY of the best American and Canadian bridge players will enter the All American Tournament in St Paul but they'll have to work hard to get ahead of some of the local players. For example, here's the sort of defensive play that you can expect from the St Paul experts.

See Widman, holding the West cards, mind the nine of clubs his partner, Jim, has. West leads and promptly returns the ten of spades. With any other return, South could ruff a couple of trumps in dummy and get another lead on the next set of trumps. The trump return was the first step in a very fine defense.

South couldn't afford to play up the ace of trumps because then he would surely lose two trump tricks.

NORTH (D) 29

♦Q3

♦AQJ10903

♦1084

WEST

♦Q52

♦AK10

♦J98

♦K7612

♦498

EAST

♦A9874

♦AK1002

♦None

♦KQ

SOUTH

♦A9874

♦AK1002

♦None

♦KQ

East-West vul

North 3 0 Pass 3 0 Pass

East 4 0 Pass 4 0 Pass

South 4 0 Pass Pass

Opening lead—♦9

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... by STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

BORN today, you have more of the qualifications of an excellent player than you have of a master. You have the ability to absorb a great deal of knowledge accumulated in the detail and when you interpret it accurately. Books have to be continually read and when you will probably will read more than you desire to retain, you will remember that each book you read will be too good. Learn to pay attention to people as you do to books.

If all this makes you sound very serious and bookish, there is another side to your nature that enjoys good fun. You have a less serious and bookish side to your nature.

Your personal interests are cultural. Parents of children born on this day should make personal sacrifices, if necessary, to see that their progeny secure the education in line with their ambitions.

Although you are not emotional and seldom show your feelings or wear your heart on your sleeve, you have a deep, warm-hearted nature that will bring happiness and devotion to your marriage if you should be a very happy person.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—An unexpected company turns up on a busy day, but be as pleasant as you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Your spiritual devotions should bring you exceptional inspiration and pleasure.

TAURUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—It perplexed about something important. You might try prayer. It can often help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—You may not have seen for some time could turn up. Enjoy yourself in their company.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 18)—A crisis may call for an extra procedure. It may be that rains will bring you good news.

TAURUS (Apr. 19-May. 16)—You could lose a friend today if you are too critical or speak out in anger. Be careful!

BORN today, science and its practical application appeals to you. You are however, very much interested in psychology and might do some important research in that field during your lifetime. You also have a very keen desire to learn and can see the foibles and shortcomings of human nature. Your wit permits you to put human beings under a microscope and delineate them, often with hilarious humour.

You have your full share of energy and never do anything conventionally if you can't do it in a different way. To accomplish what others often are not content in your approach to a problem that others often are not content to you, your particular tempo will scoff. But you have put through your project what will attain a certain probably a fame that will long outlive you.

You have a great deal of self-confidence and often plunge into even angels might fear. You are also a great deal of a cynic that is boring and often finds pleasure in beauty and taste. Your artful delights in beauty and taste. Your music is strong. You are quick to deride the ugly and unpleasant. Use your critical gift for constructive advice and you'll do a lot of good for mankind.

You have a strong love nature but not one that expresses itself easily. You are loyal and frank and can be made very unhappy if you are disillusioned. Exact great care in marriage. Better to remain single than to wed someone unattached with your temperament.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—It may be easier to settle today's minor problems but it's the important one that counts the most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Get important packages and cards in the mail today. Don't be afraid to get presents on time.

SCORPIO (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Artistic measures can bring happiness this evening. Listen to some good music if you are good music.

TAURUS (Apr. 19-May. 16)—Be sure of your exact facts if a business proposition involving money comes up for discussion.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 18)—If you have made an error, don't repeat it if it is called to your attention. Correct it with a smile.

TAURUS (Apr. 19-May. 16)—You are planning to trip him now is the time to make all arrangements.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Get eight to the top and seven to the bottom in charge if looking for a new job or asking for a favour.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Use your brain when it comes to solving a problem. Think it out thoroughly and you'll know what to do.

TAURUS (Apr. 19-May. 16)—Putting a proposition into production, deal with some large organization that can back it right.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Business plans, money matters and perhaps a real estate lease should be taken care of right now.

SCORPIO (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Even good dunkles have some thin rum.

Solutions of yesterday's puzzle.—Aries: 1. Flaco; 2. div. 3. Idiot; 4. Head; 5. 10. 6. 14. 7. 12. 8. 23. 9. Title; 10. 3. 11. 7. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. Sea 15. Down: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. Across: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 18

The pause that refreshes



## Police v. Navy Is The Rugger Tournament Match To Watch

Says "HANLINCODE"

The fifth round of the Pentangular Tournament is due to be played off this afternoon at the Police Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon. The teams taking part in the two matches are at 3 p.m., the RAF and Club, and at 4.15 p.m., the Police at home to the Navy.

The latter match, in view of the game the Police played last week, should be a rather interesting one. The Police forwards showed up very well against the Club's rather ponderous pack and it will be worth the trip to the mainland just to see them perform against the much lighter but faster Naval pack.

I really don't think that there is much doubt about the out-and-out better understanding amongst the come of this game, but I am players and has, occasionally, rather eager to see the Police in an even uncharitable so far undiscerned talent.

Unfortunately, they are still wretchedly slow and pack, this is indeed bad luck for the Police, because, in Szevin they have an exceedingly thrustful centre and an experienced leader.

However, this is made up for in some measure by the appearance of English in the three-quarter lineout.

### CLUB V. RAF

The first game, between the Club and the RAF will be, I am afraid, the usual victory to the mighty Club. In this game between the unbeaten, as far as the tournament goes, and the team without a victory, there will be little to excite the fans.

It will however, be of interest to see if those fighting forwards of the RAF are still improving. Last week showed a great improvement on the week before, especially in the loose rushes. These seemed to be executed with a little more method and less by barking than evident in previous games.

The defence had improved too, and that is something that this afternoon will have to be right on the top line, or should one say the lower line when talking about tackling.

In this respect, the Fibers' fans are hoping that Snow will be able to take the field for this match. Snow, at full back, has shown himself in the past, to be a fine rearguard, but, up to now, owing to injuries and a little unfitness, has not reached last season's form. Let us hope this afternoon will mark its return because he should have plenty to do.

### WISE MOVE

I see by the published teams that the Club has returned Craig to the centre. This is a wise move on the part of the Club, although it shows flexibility and enterprise when the Club are willing to experiment in this manner.

Sometimes one team can get into an awful rut and a little moving around of players helps the team members to understand the workings of other positions.

### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



I know exactly how you feel—I'll be glad when Christmas is over too!"

### TURPIN TO FIGHT AT HARRINGAY

London, Dec. 14.

Randolph Turpin, British and former W. I. Middleweight Boxing Champion, and Yolande Pionier, who beat Dave Sands, the Empire Middleweight Boxing Champion, recently will be featured by Mr. Jack Solomons, the London boxing promoter, on the next boxing programme on February 12.

Their respective opponents have not yet been named.

On the eve of his departure for a South African holiday Mr. Solomons announced that Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams are meeting for Gardner's British Heavyweight Boxing title on March 11 next year.

The gunners will have the services of several Army 1st XV players and amongst them it is hoped, will be Thoma, the Army loose forward, and without a doubt, the finest loose forward in the Colony. Unfortunately, he was injured last week and may not be available.

This definitely will be the match to see today, unless one is following the Tournament games.

### INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

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So the Communist candidate is Mr. Beaconsfield, and his agent is young Kefi-Herdie.

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### Living Language

Why we say Bumper glass.

A "bumper" glass is the largest and fullest, and in monasteries the largest and fullest toast was always offered "au bon pere"—to the good father, or abbot. It is thought that "au bon pere" has been shortened to our present "bumper."

### More Rumours Of Change In Sterling Rate

New York, Dec. 14.

Rumours spread in Wall Street to have met on December 4 but the bout was postponed because of Gardner's eye injury.

Mr. Solomons has given permission for Gardner to have a warming up fight in Leicester on January 28 but expects opposition from Williams' manager on the grounds that Gardner may aggravate his injured eye, thereby forcing another postponement of the title contest.—Reuter.

### Tour Profit Only £3,000

London, Dec. 14.

The MCC have notified 17 English first-class cricket counties that they are unable to make any distribution to them out of the profits of the 1950 and 1951 tour of Australia.

Each county received £650 following the 1946-47 tour.

In a letter of explanation to the counties, the MCC gave the profit for the 1950-51 tour as £3,842 against the £17,505 for the 1946-47 visit.

Increased costs and loss of

revenue due to wet Saturdays were given as the reasons for the disappointing financial results.

When the losses and charges in connection with other foreign tours since 1947, amounting to £3,592, were deducted, only £260 remained for distribution and the MCC decided to donate this to the minor counties' cricket association, which does not receive a share of the profits from Test matches at home.—Reuter.

### DUBLIN STRIKE SETTLED

Dublin, Dec. 14.

A 10-week strike by 1,000 workers in 18 Dublin hotels and two restaurants was settled today after intervention by the Labour Court. The men will resume work today.

The employer agreed to operate a 10 per cent service charge demanded by the strikers in place of tips where possible.

They also agreed on wages of 16 shillings a week for men and 12 shillings for women who are unskilled.—Reuter.

### New Zealand Quake

Auckland, Dec. 14.

Towns along the West coast of New Zealand's North Island were jolted by an earthquake tonight at 10 o'clock (10.30 GMT; 8.30 a.m. Saturday HK Standard Time). No loss of life or serious damage was reported.—Associated Press.

## Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at GPO and at Kowloon Post Office: registered airmail and mail closer than one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

By Air

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m. via B.O.A.C.

U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m. via P.A.A.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

By Air

Formosa, 5 p.m. via K. Airways

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Macao, 1 p.m. via Tai Loy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

By Air

Japan, 5 p.m. via B.O.A.C.

Formosa, 8 p.m. via H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m. via C.P.A.

Indo-China, 8 p.m. via C.P.A.

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Malaya, Indonesia, 1 p.m. via Foochow

Philippines, 2 p.m. via Hal Meng

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